ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and responses to the questions below by one of the following methods:
(a) Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov (at the homepage, enter “PTO–C–2020–0044” in the “Search” box, click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments). The materials in the docket will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information, and the USPTO cautions against including any information in an electronic submission that the submitter does not want publicly disclosed. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF formats only. Comments containing references to studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of the referenced materials. Please do not submit additional materials. If you want to submit a comment with business confidential information that you do not wish to be made public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission in the manner detailed below.
(b) Written/Paper Submissions: Send all written/paper submissions to: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop OPIA, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Submission packaging should clearly indicate that materials are responsive to Docket No. PTO–C–2020–0044. Office of Policy and International Affairs, Comment Request; Development of a National Consumer Awareness Campaign on Combating the Trafficking in Counterfeit and Pirated Products.

Submissions of Business Confidential Information: Any submissions containing business confidential information must be delivered in a sealed envelope marked “confidential treatment requested” to the address listed above. Submitters should provide an index listing the document(s) or information they would like the USPTO to withhold. The index should include information such as numbers used to identify the relevant document(s) or information, document title and description, and relevant page numbers and/or section numbers within a document. Submitters should provide a statement explaining their grounds for objecting to the disclosure of the information to the public as well. The USPTO also requests that submitters of business confidential information include a non-confidential version (either redacted or summarized) of those confidential submissions that will be available for public viewing and posted on www.regulations.gov. In the event that the submitter cannot provide a non-confidential version of its submission, the USPTO requests that the submitter post a notice in the docket stating that it has provided the USPTO with business confidential information. Should a submitter fail to either docket a non-confidential version of its submission or post a notice that business confidential information has been provided, the USPTO will note the receipt of the submission on the docket with the submitter’s organization or name (to the degree permitted by law) and the date of submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charisma Hampton, USPTO, Office of Policy and International Affairs, at charisma.hampton@uspto.gov. Please direct media inquiries to the Office of the Chief Communications Officer, USPTO, at 571–227–8400.

Request for Information: On November 17, 2020, the USPTO published a notice in the Federal Register requesting public input on the establishment of a national consumer awareness campaign designed to educate consumers on the direct and indirect costs and risks of counterfeit and pirated goods. See Request for Comments on the Development of a National Consumer Awareness Campaign on Combating the Trafficking in Counterfeit and Pirated Products, 85 FR 73264 (Nov. 17, 2020). In that notice, the USPTO requested information from interested stakeholders, including, but not limited to, intellectual property rights holders affected by the sale of counterfeit goods offered through e-commerce platforms, online third-party marketplaces, third-party intermediaries, other private sector stakeholders, other entities with experience in public-private awareness campaigns, and applicable government agencies, in accordance with the call to action in the Department of Homeland Security’s January 24, 2020, Report to the President of the United States titled “Combating Trafficking in Counterfeit and Pirated Goods.”

To assist in gathering public input, the USPTO published questions and sought all input relevant to the development of guidelines, action plans, strategies, and best practices for establishing a public-private national consumer awareness campaign designed to educate consumers on the direct and indirect costs and risks of counterfeit and pirated goods.

Specifically, in that earlier notice, the USPTO sought the following types of information utilized or under
development by any public or private entity:
(1) Educational curricula identifying direct and indirect harms associated with sales of counterfeit and pirated products
(2) Strategies to ensure consumers make informed purchasing decisions
(3) Public service announcements targeted to social media users
(4) Methods to identify false and misleading information on e-commerce pages
(5) Alerts for high-risk products and automated warnings describing health impacts
(6) “Red flag” indicators for suspicious listings on e-commerce platforms
(7) Incentives to empower consumers to participate in monitoring, detecting, and informing platforms and users of counterfeits

The notice requested public comments on or before January 4, 2021.

Through this notice, the USPTO is reopening the period for public comment until March 12, 2021, to give interested members of the public additional time to submit comments and provide information on the same topics. All other information and instructions to commenters provided in the November 17, 2020, notice remain unchanged. Previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted.

Andrew Hirshfeld,
Commissioner for Patents, Performing the Functions and Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
[Docket No.: ED–2021–SCC–0019]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; 2022 School Survey on Crime and Safety (SSOCS:2022)

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the public?

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 12, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use http://www.regulations.gov by searching the Docket ID number ED–2021–SCC–0019. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the regulations.gov site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please include the docket number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted. Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the PRA Coordinator of the Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave. SW, LBJ, Room 6W208B, Washington, DC 20202–8240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, 202–245–6347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department’s information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the public?

RESPONDENTS/AFFECTED PUBLIC: Individuals or Households.

REVISION OF AN EXISTING ICR.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 116,623.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 8,895.


OMB Control Number: 1850–0761.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Days of Collection: 365.

Average Time per Response: 60 minutes.


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Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 116,623.

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Abstract: The School Survey on Crime and Safety (SSOCS) is a nationally representative survey of elementary and secondary school principals that serves as the primary source of school-level data on crime and safety in public schools, and was conducted in 2000, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2016, 2018, and 2020 (OMB #1850–0761). Four years separated the first two collections of SSOCS to allow for sufficient time to study the results of the first survey and to allow for necessary redesign work; the next three collections were conducted at 2-year intervals. Due to a reorganization of the sponsoring agency (the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools) and funding issues, the 2012 administration of SSOCS, although approved by OMB, was not fielded. With new funding available through the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), SSOCS was conducted again in the spring of the 2015–16 school year. With continued dedicated funding, SSOCS has resumed collection on a biennial basis, with collections during the spring of the 2017–18 and the 2019–20 school years, and the next planned collection during the spring of the 2021–22 school year. SSOCS is a survey of public schools covering the topic of school crime and violence and is designed to produce nationally representative data on public schools. Historically, it has been conducted by mail, with telephone and email follow-up; however, as an experiment, an internet version was fielded during the SSOCS:2018 administration. For SSOCS:2020, the internet version was initially offered to all respondents, with the paper version sent via mail as a follow-up, and the same methodology will be used for SSOCS:2022. The respondent is the school principal, or a member of the school staff designated by the principal as the person “the most knowledgeable about school crime and policies to provide a safe environment.” The 2022 survey is being funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Safe and Supportive Schools (previously known as the Office of Safe and Healthy Students) and conducted.