

life cycles, it allows policy offices to monitor changes in attitudes/opinions, evaluate effectiveness of recent initiatives, and provide insight into topics such as financial well-being, overall health, life in the military, spouse unemployment, and use of military-provided resources. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, DoD has delayed implementation in order to review and modify questions as needed to ensure an adequate response rate. This exemption will allow this survey to be fielded in May 2021 so results will be available by the end of 2021.

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Active Duty Spouse Survey.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 11,500.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 11,500.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 5750.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Biannually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

#### Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information collected has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of DoD's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Dated: March 29, 2021.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No.: ED-2021-SCC-0053]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request; High School and Beyond 2022 (HS&B:22) Base-Year Full-Scale Study Data Collection and First Follow-Up Field Test Sampling, Tracking, and Recruitment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of a currently approved collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 1, 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-0053. 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 [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID 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 208C, 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 respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* High School and Beyond 2022 (HS&B:22) Base-Year Full-Scale Study Data Collection and First Follow-up Field Test Sampling, Tracking, and Recruitment.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0944.

*Type of Review:* A revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 128,478.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 53,930.

*Abstract:* The High School and Beyond 2022 study (HS&B:22) will be the sixth in a series of longitudinal studies at the high school level conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) of the U.S. Department of Education. HS&B:22 will follow a nationally representative sample of ninth grade students from the start of high school in the fall of 2022 to the spring of 2026 when most will be in twelfth grade. A field test was conducted in fall 2019. The study sample will be refreshed in 2026 to create a nationally representative sample of twelfth-grade students. A high school transcript collection and additional follow-up data collections beyond high school are also planned.

Dated: March 26, 2021.

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