

In order to support the needs of state policy makers as they work to implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and improve employment outcomes for Y&YAD, CAPE-Youth will be conducting several studies, which will require data collection through surveys, focus groups, and interviews. They are as follows:

**A. State Collaboration Research**—This study uses a mixed method approach to understand collaboration across WIOA partners serving transitioning youth in 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. In Phase 1, state and local agencies serving youth and young adults will provide data through an on-line survey tool. In Phase 2, up to 10 purposively selected states with a focus on WIOA partners including state systems that support developmental disabilities (DD), mental health, juvenile justice, Foster Care, education, and other impacted systems will participate in 48 focus groups to provide detailed qualitative information on collaboration practices.

**B. Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Implementation Study**—This study also uses a mixed method approach. During Phase 1 of this study, Directors of State Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) agencies under WIOA in 50 states, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Marianas and the District of Columbia will provide data on the implementation of Pre-ETS for youth using an on-line survey. In Phase 2 of

this study, 25 total State VR staff in up to 5 purposively selected States will participate in .5 hour qualitative interviews to provide detailed qualitative information on the implementation of Pre-ETS for youth with mental health conditions.

**C. Study of Professional Development for Youth Workforce Practitioners**—This study also will utilize a mixed-methods approach including a survey and focus groups. ODEP will survey a purposeful sample of 300 youth workforce practitioners throughout the country that serve youth and young adults with disabilities. This data from this survey will help identify key topics for discussion in 10 focus groups with 10 youth workforce practitioners. These focus groups will help gather the perceptions of core competencies required to effectively support youth and young adults with disabilities to obtain employment and how to implement meaningful professional development for practitioners.

ODEP will use the data collected through these research efforts to identify how states are implementing aforementioned provisions of WIOA, challenges associated with implementation, and promising practices. CAPE-Youth will disseminate this research through briefs, reports, tools, and technical assistance to state policy makers focused on improving employment outcomes for youth and young adults with disabilities.

This information collection is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA).

A federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

The DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an Information Collection Review cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that currently approved information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

*Agency:* DOL–ODEP.

*Title of Collection:* Center for Advancing Policy on Employment for Youth (CAPE Youth) Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1230–0NEW.

*Affected Public:* State and Local Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,623.

*Total Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,623.

*Total Estimated Annual Time Burden:* 486.3 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden:* \$0.

#### ESTIMATED HOURS OF BURDEN TO PARTICIPANT DATA COLLECTION—YEARS 1–3

| Study   | Number of respondents | Hours/ response |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| State Collaboration Research .....                                      | 1120                  | 0.76            |
| Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) Implementation Study ..... | 103                   | 0.35            |
| Professional Development for Youth Workforce Practitioners .....        | 400                   | 1.44            |
|   | Respondents           | Burden hours    |
| Year 1 Total .....  | 1623                  | 1463.25         |
| Year 2–3 Totals .....   | 0                     | 0               |
| Three-year Total .....  | 1623                  | 1463.25         |
| Three-year Average .....  | 541                   | 487.75          |

**Authority:** 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A).

Dated: November 18, 2020.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employment and Training Administration

##### Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Program for Indiana, Maine, and Montana

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB program for Indiana, Maine, and Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Room S–4524, Attn: Thomas Stengle, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693–

2991 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: [Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov](mailto:Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- Indiana's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the week ending October 24, 2020, was 4.85 percent, falling below the 5.00 percent threshold necessary to remain "on" EB. Therefore, the EB period for Indiana ends on November 14, 2020. The state will remain in an "off" period for a minimum of 13 weeks.

- Maine's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the week ending October 24, 2020, was 4.88 percent, falling below the 5.00 percent threshold necessary to remain "on" EB. Therefore, the EB period for Maine ends on November 14, 2020. The state will remain in an "off" period for a minimum of 13 weeks.

- Montana's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the week ending October 24, 2020, was 4.69 percent, falling below the 5.00 percent threshold necessary to remain "on" EB. Therefore, the EB period for Montana ends on November 14, 2020. The state will remain in an "off" period for a minimum of 13 weeks.

#### Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the state by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state ending an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice to each individual who is currently filing claims for EB of the forthcoming termination of the EB period and its effect on the individual's right to EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)).

Signed in Washington, DC.

**John Pallasch,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Program for Virginia

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

#### **ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB program for Virginia.

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- Virginia's 13-week insured unemployment rate (IUR) for the week ending October 31, 2020, was 4.66 percent, falling below the 5.00 percent threshold necessary to remain "on" EB. Therefore, the EB period for Virginia ends on November 21, 2020. The state will remain in an "off" period for a minimum of 13 weeks.

#### Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the state by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state ending an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice to each individual who is currently filing claims for EB of the forthcoming termination of the EB period and its effect on the individual's right to EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance Room S-4524, Attn: Thomas Stengle, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202)-693-2991 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: [Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov](mailto:Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov).

Signed in Washington, DC.

**John Pallasch,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Notice of a Change in Status of the Extended Benefit (EB) Program for Washington, DC

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

#### **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a retroactive change in benefit period eligibility under the EB program for Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of

Unemployment Insurance, Room S-4524, Attn: Thomas Stengle, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202)-693-3009 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: [Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov](mailto:Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the District's EB status:

Based on Washington, DC's Unemployment Compensation law, which provides for the temporary adoption of the optional TUR trigger during periods of 100 percent Federal financing, and data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on June 19, 2020, the seasonally-adjusted total unemployment rate for Washington, DC rose above the 8.0 percent threshold to trigger "on" to a high unemployment period in EB. The payable period for Washington, DC under the high unemployment period is retroactive to July 5, 2020, and eligibility for claimants has been extended from up to 13 weeks of potential duration to up to 20 weeks of potential duration in the EB program.

The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the EB program can be found at: [http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims\\_arch.as](http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.as).

#### Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state beginning an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

Signed in Washington, DC.

**John Pallasch,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.*

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