

guidance in DoDI 1332.35, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. These authorities pertain to the required program of comprehensive assistance for family caregivers and the responsibilities of the military services regarding caregiver participation in DoD pre-separation counseling sessions.

Military and Veteran Service Organizations

Military Departments will encourage installation commanders to permit access to veterans service organizations and military service organizations to transition assistance-related events and activities in the United States and abroad in accordance with the TAP MOU, DoD 5500.07-R, DoDI 1344.07 and the December 23, 2014 Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Installation Access and Support Services to VA-Recognized Veteran Service Organizations/Military Service Organizations," at no cost to the U.S. Government. Access must be for the purpose of assisting Service members with the pre- and post-military disability claim process and transition assistance resources and services.

Family members and caregivers of Service members can find information on non-local community resources through the National Resource Director at www.nrd.gov.

TAP Eligibility for Spouses and Dependents

(1) Spouses of eligible transitioning Service members are eligible to attend the Department of Labor (DOL) One-Day and the DOL Employment Track in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 1144.

(2) Spouses of eligible transitioning Service members are eligible for the following services and information in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 1142.

(a) DOL Job placement counseling.

(b) DoD and VA-administered survivor benefits information.

(c) DoD financial education and counseling, including information on budgeting, saving, credit, loans, and taxes.

(d) Transition plan assistance to enable achievement of educational, training, employment, and financial objectives.

(e) VA benefits orientation, such as education, employment, home loan services, housing assistance benefit information, and responsible borrowing practices counseling.

(3) Dependents of eligible Service members are entitled to the following services and information in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 1142.

(a) Career change counseling and its effects on individuals and their family.

(b) Information on suicide prevention resources following separation from the Military Services.

(4) Eligible Service members and their dependents are entitled to transitional medical and dental care that will be available for 180 days, beginning on the first day after the date of separation, retirement, or release from active duty in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 1145.

(5) Spouses of eligible Service members are encouraged to participate in transition assistance, as resources and capacity allow. Participating spouses may have their attendance recorded in accordance with the privacy and information collection mandates and requirements of Titles 10 and 14, U.S.C., and DoD 5400.11-R.

(6) Spouses completing pre-separation/transition counseling (using DD Form 2648) on behalf of an eligible recovering Service member in accordance with DoDI 1332.35 will provide their DoD identification number for data collection purposes.

TAP Eligibility for Caregivers

(1) The Military Services will provide, during mandatory pre-separation counseling, a description of the assistance and support services provided for family caregivers of eligible veterans pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 1720G.

(2) Service members undergoing pre-separation/transition counseling, who may require caregiver services after separation, may identify an individual in writing to provide such services after separation.

(3) Service members who identified an individual to provide caregiver services after separation may permit their caregiver to participate in the member's pre-separation/transition counseling session to inform the caregiver of:

(a) The assistance and support services available to caregivers of members after separation.

(b) The manner in which the member's transition to civilian life after separation may impact the caregiver.

Transition Assistance Priority of Service

The descending order of priority for participation in transition assistance classroom attendance is based on the targeted population dates of separation or release from active duty, or their status of returning from overseas, or assignment to remote or isolated and geographically dispersed locations. DoD TAP training is publicly available virtually, as referenced above. Eligible Service members will be given preference for classroom DoD TAP, and spouse eligibility for DoD TAP

classroom attendance will be based on resource availability and capacity in accordance with DoDI 1332.35.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

[Docket ID: DoD-2021-OS-0021]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and its implementing regulations, this document provides notice DoD is submitting an Information Collection Request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to collect information on active duty spouses to determine the effectiveness of the Department's family support programs. DoD requests emergency processing and OMB authorization to collect the information after publication of this Notice for a period of six months.

DATES: Comments must be received by April 16, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The Department has requested emergency processing from OMB for this information collection request by 15 days after publication of this notice. Interested parties can access the supporting materials and collection instrument as well as submit comments and recommendations to OMB at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 15-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. They will also become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angela James, 571-372-7574, or whs.mc-alex.esd.mbx.dd-dod-information-collections@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The results of the Active Duty Spouse Survey (ADSS) provide leadership with an understanding of the effectiveness of the Department's family support programs. Given deployment and family

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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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 site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at 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 freshened 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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