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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects:

Title: Form CB-496: Title IV-E Programs Quarterly Financial Report

OMB No.: 0970-0205

Description: This is a financial report submitted following the end of each fiscal quarter by each State or Tribe with an approved title IV-E plan administering any of three title IV-E entitlement grant programs – Foster Care, Adoption Assistance or Guardianship Assistance.

The purpose of this form is to enable each State or Tribe to meet its statutory and regulatory requirement to report program expenditures made in the preceding fiscal quarter and to estimate program expenditures to be made in the upcoming fiscal quarter. This form also allows States and Tribes to report the actual and estimated average monthly number of children assisted in each of the three IV-E entitlement grant programs in the preceding and upcoming fiscal quarters, respectively.

The Administration for Children and Families provides Federal funding at the rate of 50 percent for nearly all allowable and legitimate administrative costs of these programs and at other funding rates for other specific categories of costs as detailed in Federal statute and regulations.

The information collected in this report is used by this agency to calculate quarterly Federal grant awards and to enable oversight of the financial management of the programs.

With this request, we are soliciting public comments on revising the form to incorporate changes to title IV-E programs made in accordance with the September 2014 enactment of Pub. L. 113–183, the “Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act.” This includes the new requirement at section 473(a)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act to report annually on the methodology used to calculate adoption savings due to the application of differing title IV-E eligibility criteria for children designated as an “applicable child” under section 473(e) along with an accounting of the amount of and the expenditure of any such savings.

Respondents: States (including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia) and Tribes* with approved title IV-E plans. (* An estimated 15 Tribes have or will have approved title IV-E plans within the next 3-year period.)

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
Form CB-496: Title IV-E Programs Quarterly Financial Report	67	4	21	5,628
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:				5,628

In compliance with the requirements of section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific

aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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