

Description of Change

The purpose of this errata notice is to include the new Ed-Flex Statewide Administrative Waiver related to Pre-award Costs in the Program-Specific and ESSA Provisions and Assurances of the 2021-2022 ESSA Consolidated Federal Grant Application.

RFA Currently Reads

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 - Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, as amended by the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
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Evaluation of Statewide Administrative Waivers: The effectiveness of the Statewide Administrative Waivers will be evaluated based on student performance on the state assessment in Reading and Math for "All Students" statewide. If student performance fails to improve statewide for two consecutive years, the waivers will be reviewed by the Committee of Practitioners (serves as the Ed-Flex Committee) to determine if changes should be recommended to the Commissioner.

Public Comment: Because the LEA's Consolidated Application for Federal Funding must be made available for public comment (ESEA section 8306(a)(7)) prior to submission, the required public comment concerning Ed-Flex waiver applications is met through that process. There is no need for the LEA to conduct a separate public comment process concerning its application for the Statewide Administrative waivers in order to meet the public comment requirement in Ed-Flex.

Information concerning the availability of other types of Ed-Flex Waivers can be found at: <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/essa-program/ed-flex-waivers>.

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3. **Approval of Pre-award Costs**
This waiver allows LEAs to request approval from the Texas Education Agency for pre-award costs for covered programs, rather than requiring them to request approval from the USDE.

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