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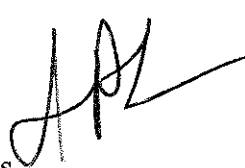
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FROM: James P. Lynch, Ph.D.   
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SUBJECT: Submission of changes to the School Crime Supplement to the  
National Crime Victimization Survey

Attached please find OMB Form 83-c concerning an increase of 513 hours of the current burden for the School Crime Supplement to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS).

Of the increased burden, 411 hours result from the increased sample the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) will begin to implement in October, 2010. The increased sample is needed to restore the NCVS's ability to measure the extent and characteristics of crime and to measure year-to-year change in victimization rates. This effort will to reinstate sample that was removed in 2007. The 2007 sample reduction was made in conjunction with a decision to utilize information from incoming sample rotation groups in the estimation of crime counts and rates. Prior to that year, incoming rotation interviews were used solely to "bound" subsequent interviews to ensure that crimes reported by respondents actually took place during the survey reference period. The data from incoming rotation groups are now adjusted to account for the potential overestimation that can result from being unbounded. The sample reinstatement is an important component of BJS's effort to restore the capabilities of the NCVS to measure the impact of crime in the United States.

Between January and June 2011, when the School Crime Supplement (SCS) will be fielded, the increase in NCVS sample will add 2,464 SCS interviews. The increased burden associated with these interviews totals 411 hours.

In addition, 3 new questions will be added to the SCS and will increase respondent burden by 102 hours. The new questions are:

Question 13b: In a typical week, how much total time do you spend on all school-sponsored extra-curricular activities:

1. None
2. Less than 1 hour per week
3. 1-4 hours per week
4. 5-9 hours per week
5. 10-19 hours per week
6. 20 or more hours per week

Question 16c: The root question remains the same, however there are now 5 additional sub-questions.

Old version: Thinking about all of the ADULTS at your school, including teachers, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following...

- a. At school, there is an ADULT you can talk to, who cares about your feelings and what happens to you.

New version: Thinking about all of the ADULTS at your school, including teachers, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following...

There is an ADULT at school who...

- a. Really cares about you.
- b. Notices when your not there.
- c. Listens to you when you have something to say
- d. Tells you when you do a good job.
- e. Always wants you to do your best.
- f. Believes that you will be a success.

Question 16e Thinking about the neighborhood where you live, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following...

- a. There is not a lot of crime in the neighborhood where you live.
- b. You feel safe in the neighborhood where you live.

Question 16f Thinking about the neighborhood where your school is located, would you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following...

- a. There is not a lot of crime in the neighborhood where you go to school.
- b. You feel safe in the neighborhood where you go to school.

### **Detailed Respondent Burden Calculations for Proposed New 2011 SCS Questions**

**Question 13b** is a new item and will only be asked if a respondent answers “Yes” to at least one sub-question in question 13a (a) - (g). In the 2009 SCS interviews, approximately 32 percent of the total eligible respondents (12 - 18 year-old) answered “yes” to at least one sub-question in

question 13a Thirty-two percent of the expected 2011 SCS eligible respondents is 3,811. The estimated time to ask question 13b is 21 seconds (.0058 hrs). Therefore, the estimated increase in respondent burden for question 13b is  $3,811 \times .0058 = 22$  hours.

**Question 16c** was reworded and expanded by five additional sub-questions (b-f) for the 2011 SCS. For the 2009 SCS 49 percent of eligible respondents were asked question 16c, which took an estimated time of 16 seconds to ask. The new version of question 16c takes an estimated 30 seconds to ask, a difference of 14 seconds (.0039 hrs). We estimate that 49 percent of the total expected 2011 SCS eligible respondents will be asked question 16c (5,835), therefore the estimated increase in respondent burden for question 16c is  $5,835 \times .0039 = 23$  hours.

**Question 16e** is a new item. Looking at the skip pattern of the 2009 SCS, an estimated 49 percent of eligible respondents would of been asked question 16e if it existed in the 2009 SCS. The estimated time to ask question 16e is 17 seconds (.0047 hrs). It is estimated that 49 percent of the expected 2011 SCS eligible respondents will be asked question 16e, therefore the estimated increase in respondent burden for question 16e is  $5,835 \times .0047 = 27$  hours.

**Question 16f** is a new item. Looking at the skip pattern of the 2009 SCS, an estimated 49 percent of eligible respondents would of been asked question 16f if it existed in the 2009 SCS. The estimated time to ask question 16f is 18 seconds (.005 hrs). It is estimated that 99.8 percent of the expected 2011 SCS eligible respondents will be asked question 16e, therefore the estimated increase in respondent burden for question 16f is  $5,835 \times .005 = 29$  hours.

### **Summary of Expected Additional Burden Hours**

In summary, there will be a total of 11,909 SCS eligible respondents in 2011 versus 9,445 total SCS eligible respondents in 2009; the difference,  $2,464 \times .167$  (hrs) = 411 additional burden hours. The 411 hours represent additional respondent burden above the current inventory of burden hours on file for the 2009 SCS. In addition, the new SCS questions will increase respondent burden by an additional 102 hours during the six month period the SCS will be conducted. Overall, there will be an estimated total increase in respondent burden for 2011 SCS of 513 hours.

If there are any questions concerning this request, please contact Michael Rand, Chief, Victimization Statistics, Bureau of Justice Statistics, at (202) 616-3494 or by email at [Michael.Rand@usdoj.gov](mailto:Michael.Rand@usdoj.gov).

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	Current record	New record
Agency form number (s)		
<b>Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden</b>		
Number of respondents	9,445	11,909
Total annual responses	9,445	11,909
Percent of these responses collected electronically	100 %	100 %
Total annual hours	1,577	2,090
Difference		513
Explanation of difference		513
Program change Adjustment		
<b>Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars)</b>		
Total annualized Capital/Startup costs		
Total annual costs (O&M)		
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