The College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84) (the CCRAA) established the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program under Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (the HEA). The regulations governing the TEACH Grant Program are in 34 CFR 686.

The proposed regulations would simplify the rules governing when a TEACH Grant will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan, as well as provide for annual notifications from the Secretary to the recipient regarding the status of a recipient's TEACH Grant service obligation. Under the proposed regulations, a TEACH Grant recipient could request conversion if the recipient decides not to fulfill the TEACH Grant obligations for any reason or if the recipient fails to begin or maintain qualifying teaching service within a timeframe to complete the service obligation in the requisite eight-year period. Additionally, the proposed regulations describe the notifications the Secretary would annually send to all TEACH Grant recipients regarding the service obligation requirements.

The Department is requesting approval of a new information collection for the TEACH Grant Obligation to Repay the Grant as proposed in 34 CFR 686.43.

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## **TOTALS**

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