As provided by Section 485(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), the Department of Education regulations at 34 CFR 668.49 require institutions to collect statistics on fires occurring in on-campus student housing facilities, including the number and cause of each fire, the number of injuries related to each fire that required treatment at a medical facility, the number of deaths related to each fire, and the value of property damage caused by each fire. Institutions must also publish an annual fire safety report containing the institution's policies regarding fire safety and the fire statistics information. Further institutions are required to maintain a fire log that records the date, time, nature, and general location of each fire in on-campus student housing facilities.

This is a request for extension of the current information collection 1845-0114. The collection requirements in the regulations are necessary to meet institutional information reporting to students and staff as well as for reporting to Congress through the Secretary.

We estimate the hours required for institutions with on-campus housing to meet the regulatory requirements to report this fire safety information will be approximately 2 hours per institution annually.

Affected Entities and Burden:

Establishing/maintaining required fire log –

	# of Respondents	# of Responses		# of Burden Hours
Institutions:				
Proprietary	77	77	X .5 hours =	39 hours

Gathering data for and creating annual fire safety report –

	# of Respondents	# of Responses		# of Burden Hours
Institutions:				
Proprietary	77	77	X 1.5 hours =	116 hours

TOTALS

Respondents	77
Responses	154
Burden Hours	155

Paperwork Burden Statement for 1845-0097

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1845-0097. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The obligation to respond to this collection is required to obtain or retain a benefit (Section 485(i) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended). If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this information, please contact Beth Grebeldinger at beth.grebeldinger@ed.gov directly.