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Proposed Application for Federal Special Education Funds

Montgomery, AL - In accordance with the detailed procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, notice is hereby given that Alabama's proposed state application under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) for Part B Section 611 and Preschool Section 619 funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021/Alabama Fiscal Year (ALFY) 2022, school year (SY) 2021-2022 are available for review for 60 days (March 19, 2021-May 19, 2021). The application may be reviewed on the Alabama State Department of Education's website, www.alsde.edu. Once on the website, select Department Offices/Office of Student Learning/Special Education Services/Fiscal Information/Part B Application.

Written public comments on the Alabama Part B Application for FFY 2021 will be accepted by the Special Education Services Section for 30 calendar days, as required by federal law (March 21, 2021 through April 21, 2021). The deadline for written comments from the public is April 21, 2021. Written public comments will be accepted by email with the subject line **Public Comment, FFY 2021 IDEA Part B Application** to speced@alsde.edu or may be submitted by mail to:

Alabama State Department of Education Special Education Services Section Attention: Public Comment, FFY2021 IDEA Part B Application Gordon Persons Building P. O. Box 302101 Montgomery, AL 36130-2101

Once the application is approved by the U.S. Department of Education, the Alabama State Department of Education will award project grants and flow-through funds to education agencies for the education of identified children and youth with disabilities ages 3 to 21. Funds released to education agencies may be utilized in a variety of ways in order to provide appropriate services to students with disabilities. These services include, but are not limited to, salaries and benefits for services provided, materials and instructional supplies, transportation costs, and related services for individuals with disabilities identified under the IDEA.

Questions regarding the ALFY2022 Part B, IDEA application and/or process may be directed to Mrs. Erika Richburg via email at erichburg@alsde.edu or via telephone at (334) 694-4782.

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