

affordable for low- and middle- income families?

5. Do prepaid tuition plans assess a reasonable premium in exchange for reducing participant risks with respect to investment returns and increases in the cost of attending college?

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Thrift Supervision

Suspicious Activity Report

AGENCY: Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection request (ICR) described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OTS is soliciting public comments on the proposal.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before August 27, 2009. A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, can be obtained from RegInfo.gov at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to OMB and OTS at these addresses: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for OTS, U.S. Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or by fax to (202) 395-6974; and Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552, by fax to (202) 906-6518, or by e-mail to infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov. OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov>. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to public.info@ots.treas.gov, or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to obtain a copy of the submission to OMB, please contact Ira L. Mills at,

ira.mills@ots.treas.gov (202) 906-6531, or facsimile number (202) 906-6518, Regulations and Legislation Division, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection. *Title of Proposal:* Suspicious Activity Report.

OMB Number: 1550-0003.

Form Number: 1601.

Description: OTS and the bank regulators, including the Board, adopted the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) in 1996 to simplify the process through which depository institutions ("banks") inform their regulators and law enforcement about suspected criminal activity. The SAR was updated in 1999 and again in 2003.

In 1992, the Treasury Department was granted broad authority to require suspicious transaction reporting under the Bank Secrecy Act. *See* 31 U.S.C. 5318(g). The Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, which has been delegated authority to administer the Bank Secrecy Act, joined with the bank regulators in 1996 in requiring, on a consolidated form (the SAR form), reports of suspicious transactions. *See* 31 CFR 103.18(a).

The filing of SARs is necessary to prevent and detect the laundering of money and other funds at banks.

Banks are required to retain a copy of any SAR filed and supporting documentation for the filing of the SAR for five years. *See* 31 CFR 103.18(d), 31 CFR 103.38 and 12 CFR 563.180(d)(6).

These documents are necessary for criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 804.

Estimated Number of Responses: 58,821.

Estimated Burden Hours per Response: 1 hour for the report; 1.8 hours for retention.

Estimated Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Burden: 164,698 hours.

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Dated: July 21, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Advisory Committee on Disability Compensation will meet on August 10-11, 2009, in the Carlton Ballroom at the St. Regis Washington DC, 923 16th and K Streets, NW., from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the maintenance and periodic readjustment of the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities. The Committee is to assemble and review relevant information relating to the nature and character of disabilities arising from service in the Armed Forces, provide an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of the rating schedule and give advice on the most appropriate means of responding to the needs of veterans relating to disability compensation.

On August 10 and the morning of August 11, the Committee will receive briefings about studies on compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities and other Veteran benefits programs. On the afternoon of August 11, the Committee will break into subcommittees to prepare recommendations. Time will also be allocated during the afternoon of August 11 for receiving public comments. Public comments will be limited to three minutes each. Individuals wishing to make oral statements before the Committee will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who speak are invited to submit 1-2 page summaries of their comments at the time of the meeting for inclusion in the official meeting record.

The public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Ersie Farber, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration (211A), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting