

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>June 24, 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Notice of Public Comment: Expedited COVID Federal Grant Fiscal Waivers Approved by USDE</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Notice</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with LEA leadership and submit applicable comments by July 15, 2020</b>

In order to assist LEAs affected by COVID-19 preparedness and mitigation activities TEA submitted expedited waiver requests offered by USDE and has been approved for the following waivers.

- A waiver to extend the period of availability for obligation of state fiscal year (SFY) 2019 state grants authorized under Title I of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act through September 31, 2021. Please note this waiver does not extend the LEA SFY 2019 Perkins grant end date.
- A waiver to extend the period of availability for obligation of state fiscal year (SFY) 2019 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B grants through September 31, 2021.

The state believes that the federal grant fiscal waivers approved by USDE will provide LEAs with greater flexibility to effectively implement those federal education grants to serve the intended beneficiaries. In applying for the waivers, TEA has assured USDE of the following.

1. TEA will use, and ensure that its subgrantees use, funds under the respective programs in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications not subject to these waivers.
2. TEA will work to mitigate, and ensure that its subgrantees work to mitigate, any negative effects, if any, that may occur as a result of the requested waivers.
3. TEA will provide the public and all LEAs in the State with notice of, and the opportunity to comment on, this request by posting information regarding the waiver request and the process for commenting on the State website.

Please submit any comments on these waivers electronically to [GrantSupport@tea.texas.gov](mailto:GrantSupport@tea.texas.gov) by 5pm July 15, 2020.

If you have questions regarding these waivers, please contact me via electronic mail at [cory.green@tea.texas.gov](mailto:cory.green@tea.texas.gov).

Sincerely,



Cory Green, Associate Commissioner  
Department of Grant Compliance and Administration