As part of waiver requirements, we are posting an opportunity for public comment regarding the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) seeking a one-year waiver grant of requirements under section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), often referred to as the “Tydings Amendment,” to extend the period of availability of State-administered formula grant funds authorized by the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) under Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The USDOE requires state educational agencies, when seeking waivers from statutory or regulatory requirements, solicit and respond to public comment on the request and provide evidence of the available comment period. This 15-day public comment period from June 1 – June 19, 2020, pertains specifically to requirements related to the period of time that federal funds are available to state educational agencies. ADE is working diligently to continue supporting Arizona schools during this pandemic of COVID-19.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Any individual or organization may submit written comments on the proposed waiver pursuant to 34 C.F.R. §§463.1 – 463.3. Written comments shall be accepted through June 19, 2020.

Requirements from which Arizona is seeking a waiver include:

- Extend the period of availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 funds for State grants authorized by Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (i.e., the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act) until September 30, 2021.

We invite you to share your feedback on Arizona’s waiver through June 19, 2020. You may submit your comments electronically, using the following link:

Or directly by EMAIL: adulted@azed.gov, FAX: 602-542-0031, or U.S. Mail: Arizona Department of Education, 1535 West Jefferson St. Bin #26, Phoenix, AZ 85007.