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PROPOSED STATE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCED FOR FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDS

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Montgomery, AL – In accordance with the detailed procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the United States (U.S.) Department of Education, notice is hereby given that Alabama’s proposed state application under Part B of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) for Part B and Preschool funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025/Alabama Fiscal Year (AL FY) 2026, school year (SY) 2025-2026 is available for review for 60 days (March 21, 2025-May 21, 2025). The state application may be reviewed on the Alabama State Department of Education’s website, www.alabamaachievers.org and click on Community; and click on Public Comment Page.

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Written public comments on the Alabama Part B Application for FFY 2025/AL FY 2026 will be accepted by the Special Education Services Section for 30 calendar days, as federal law requires (March 21 through April 21, 2025). **The deadline for written comments from the public is April 21, 2025.** Written public comments will be accepted by electronic form link here: [Public Comment Submission Form](#) or by email with the subject line Public Comment, FFY 2025 IDEA Part B Application to sesgrants@alsde.edu or may be submitted by mail to:

Alabama State Department of Education
Special Education Services Section
Attention: Public Comment, FFY 2025 IDEA Part B Application
Post Office. Box 302101
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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, including Charter school local education agencies, to educate identified children and youth with disabilities ages 3 to 21. Funds released to education agencies may be utilized 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.

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Questions regarding the AL FY 2026 Part B, IDEA application, and process may be directed to Dr. DaLee Chambers via email at speced@alsde.edu or telephone at (334) 694-4782.