- (3) The process to submit a response to the RFP.
- (b) Covered facilities will submit responses to the RFP to VA Central Office.
- (c) Consistent with paragraph (a) of this section, VA Central Office will evaluate responses to the RFP and will determine those covered facilities where residents may be placed and costs under § 17.248 are paid or reimbursed.

§ 17.248 Costs of placing residents and new residency programs.

Once VA determines in which covered facilities residents will be placed in accordance with §§ 17.246 through 17.247, payment or reimbursement is authorized for the following costs:

- (a) Resident stipends and benefits. For residents placed in covered facilities, VA may pay only the proportionate cost of resident stipends and benefits that are associated with residents participating in educational activities directly related to the PPGMER, in accordance with any contract, agreement, or other arrangement VA has legal authority to form.
- (b) Costs associated with new residency programs. (1) If a covered facility establishes a new residency program in which a resident is placed, VA will reimburse the following costs in accordance with any contract, agreement, or other arrangement VA has legal authority to form.
- (i) Curriculum development costs, to include but not be limited to costs associated with needs analysis, didactic activities, materials, equipment, consultant fees, and instructional design.
- (ii) Recruitment and retention of faculty costs, to include but not be limited to costs associated with advertising available faculty positions, and monetary incentives to fill such positions such as relocation costs and educational loan repayment.
- (iii) Accreditation costs, to include but not be limited to the administrative fees incurred by a covered facility in association with applying for only initial accreditation of the program by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).
- (iv) Faculty salary costs, to include only the proportionate cost of faculty performing duties directly related to the PPGMER.
- (v) Resident education expense costs, to include but not be limited to costs associated with the required purchase of medical equipment and required training, national resident match program participation fees, and

residency program management software fees.

(2) VA considers new residency programs as only those residency programs that have initial ACGME accreditation or have continued ACGME accreditation without outcomes, and have not graduated an inaugural class, at the time VA has determined those covered facilities where residents will be placed under § 17.247(c).

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 54

[CC Docket Nos. 02-6, 96-45 and 97-21; FCC 23-56; FR ID 184270]

Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, and Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announces that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved, until November 30, 2024, the information collection associated with the Commission's Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, and Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Report and Order's (Order) E-Rate rules. This document is consistent with the Order, which stated the Commission would publish a document in the Federal Register announcing the effective date of the amendments to the Commission's regulations.

DATES: The amendments to 47 CFR 54.503(c)(2)(i)(B) and 54.504(a)(1)(ii) published at 88 FR 55410, August 15, 2023 are effective November 13, 2023.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document announces that, on September 25, 2023, OMB approved the information collection requirements relating to the E-Rate rules contained in the Commission's Order, FCC 23–56, published at 88 FR 55410, August 15,

2023. The OMB Control Number is 3060–0806. The Commission publishes this document as an announcement of the effective date of the rules. If you have any comments on the burden estimates listed below, or how the Commission can improve the collections and reduce any burdens caused thereby, please contact Nicole Ongele, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. Please include the OMB Control Number, 3060-0806, in your correspondence. The Commission will also accept your comments via email at PRA@fcc.gov.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY).

Synopsis

As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), the Commission is notifying the public that it received OMB approval on September 25, 2023, for the information collection requirements contained in 47 CFR 54.503(c)(2)(i)(B) and 54.504(a)(1)(ii) published at 88 FR 55410, August 15, 2023. Under 5 CFR part 1320, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a current, valid OMB Control Number.

No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act that does not display a current, valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number is 3060–0806.

The foregoing notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, October 1, 1995, and 44 U.S.C. 3507.

The total annual reporting burdens and costs for the respondents are as follows:

OMB Control Number: 3060–0806. OMB Approval Date: September 25, 2023.

OMB Expiration Date: November 30, 2024

Title: Universal Service—Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program, FCC Forms 470 and 471.

Form Number: FCC Form 470 and FCC Form 471.

Respondents: State, local or tribal government institutions, and other not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 43,000 respondents; 67,100 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 3.5 hours for FCC Form 470 (3 hours for response; 0.5 hours for recordkeeping; 4.5 hours for FCC Form 471 (4 hours for response; 0.5 hours for recordkeeping).

Frequency of Response: On occasion and annual reporting requirements, and recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 201–205, 214, 254, and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151–154, 201–205, 218–220, 254, 303(r), 403 and 405.

Total Annual Burden: 273,950 hours. Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Needs and Uses: The Commission received approval from OMB for this information collection. On July 21, 2023, the Commission released the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, and Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 02-6, 96-45, and 97-21; FCC 23-56 (Order) amending E-Rate rules. This information collection addresses program certifications in the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Description of Services Requested and Certification Forms 470 (E-Rate FCC Form 470) and 471 (E-Rate FCC Form 471), and makes other non-substantive changes to certain fields to the E-Rate FCC Form 471. Collection of the information on FCC Forms 470 and 471 is necessary so that the Commission and USAC have sufficient information to determine if entities are eligible for funding pursuant to the schools and libraries support mechanism, to determine if entities are complying with the Commission's rules, and to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse. In addition, the information is necessary for the Commission to evaluate the extent to which the E-Rate program is meeting the statutory objectives specified in section 254(h) of the 1996 Act, and the Commission's performance goals established in the E-Rate Modernization Order and Second E-Rate Modernization Order.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary. [FR Doc. 2023–24876 Filed 11–9–23; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA-2023-0043]

RIN 2127-AM58

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Bus Rollover Structural Integrity

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule; partial grant of petitions for reconsideration.

SUMMARY: This document grants parts of petitions for reconsideration of a December 29, 2021, final rule that established Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 227, "Bus Rollover Structural Integrity." The standard is intended to enhance rollover structural integrity and reduce the likelihood of ejection from over-the-road buses (motorcoaches), and other buses with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 11,793 kilograms (kg) (26,000 pounds (lb)). This final rule adjusts the definition of "transit bus" and revises the maximum allowable weight of objects intruding into the survival space during the rollover test. This document denies other requests in the petitions, including petitions to expand the applicability of the standard to other bus types and extend the compliance date by 2 years.

DATES:

Effective date: This final rule is effective December 30, 2024.

Compliance date: The compliance date of this final rule is December 30, 2024. Optional early compliance is permitted.

Petitions for reconsideration: If you wish to petition for reconsideration of this rule, your petition must be received by December 28, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Correspondence related to this rule, should refer to the docket number in the heading of this document and be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Washington, DC 20590. The petition will be placed in the docket. Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all documents received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act

Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For non-legal issues, you may contact Mr. Dow Shelnutt, NHTSA Office of Crashworthiness Standards (telephone number is 202–366–8779). For legal issues, you may call Mr. Matthew Filpi, NHTSA Office of Chief Counsel (telephone 202–366–2992) (fax 202–366–3820). You may send mail to these officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

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I. Background

On December 29, 2021, NHTSA published a final rule that established FMVSS No. 227, "Bus Rollover Structural Integrity," (86 FR 74270, Docket No. NHTSA-2021-0088). The purpose of this safety standard is to enhance the rollover structural integrity of over-the-road buses (motorcoaches) regardless of GVWR, and other buses with a GVWR greater than 11,793 kg (26,000 lb). Issued pursuant to the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), this final rule requires covered buses to provide a "survival space" in a rollover test to protect the occupants from possible collapse of the bus structure around them. This final rule also prohibits emergency exits from opening in the rollover test to reduce the likelihood of ejection and requires no part of the vehicle originally outside the survival space pretest to enter the survival space during testing.