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The General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) requires Maryland to make the proposed State Application for Federal Funds under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) available for public review for 60 days and to accept comments for at least 30 days. The Maryland State Department of Education Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 State Application for Federal Funds under Part B of IDEA is available for public review from **March 4 through May 4, 2015** on the MSDE website at <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/interest.html>. The proposed FFY 2015 State Application under Part B of IDEA is also available for review by visiting the office of the local director of special education for a local school system.

The application includes a checklist of assurances that Maryland has policies and procedures in effect to comply with the requirements of IDEA. Maryland assures that policies and procedures will be in effect as changes in State and local procedures are made consistent with the IDEA. The plan for expenditure of state-level IDEA funds by category is also a component of the State Application.

Written comments only will be accepted from **March 9 through April 9, 2015**. Comments must be addressed to:

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