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The Tennessee Department of Education (department) is requesting a Tydings waiver for the period of FFY 2022 21st CCLC funds awarded under Section 4201 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, until September 30, 2025. This request to extend the obligation period is submitted pursuant under section 421(b) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA). This permits the department, in accordance with criteria it develops, to expend the remaining FY 2022 awarded balance related to this waiver request.

The waiver will allow Tennessee 21st CCLC programs to continue to obligate and draw down funds to provide critical out-of-school programming and avoid diverting funds away from services for Local Education Authorities (LEAs), schools, students, families, and community-based organizations (CBOs). This flexibility will ensure that programs are able to continue to provide effective, evidence-based supports as part of an extended learning framework that results in an improvement in student outcomes. Granting this additional extension in the period of availability enables Tennessee 21st CCLC programs to continue to coordinate these resources in a manner that is responsive to the ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the additional challenges it has presented. Please submit comments regarding this waiver to Extended.Learning@tn.gov.