



Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018

Evidence Act Background

- Begins to implement the recommendations of the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking
- Introduced by Speaker Paul Ryan and Senator Patty Murray after the release of the Commission report in September 2017
- Addresses 11 of the Commission's 22 recommendations
- Signed by the President and enacted into law on January 14, 2019 as P.L. 115-435

Evidence Act Overview

- Title 1—Federal Evidence-Building Activities
- Title 2—Open Government Data Act
- Title 3—Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency (CIPSEA)

Federal Evidence-Building Activities

- Agency Evidence-Building Plans
- Agency Evaluation Plans
- Evaluation Officers
- Program Evaluation Best Practices and Competencies
- Statistical Officials and Interagency Council on Statistical Policy
- Advisory Committee on Data for Evidence-Building
- Open Government Data Act

Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency (CIPSEA)

- CIPSEA Designation Guidance
- Codification of Statistical Policy Directive #1
- Presumption of Accessibility for Statistical Agencies
- Expanding Secure Access to CIPSEA Data Assets
- Application to Access Data Assets for Developing Evidence

OMB Implementation Approach

- Currently planning its Evidence Act implementation approach
- Recognize that the Act contains many near-term deadlines and understand that some agencies are eager to begin addressing them
- Recognize that the Act overlaps with ongoing initiatives and needs to involve multiple OMB and agency offices and activities
- Prioritizing an integrated implementation, both across OMB offices and across ongoing OMB initiatives, such as the Federal Data Strategy
- Agencies should begin to move forward with implementation where they can, consistent with the Act's requirements;
 - Don't wait to start identifying key individuals and offices who can start collaborating and planning
 - Let us know what you're doing so we don't diverge and so that we can learn from what you're doing