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WAIVER REQUESTS	ACTION					Comments
	Appr	Pending (PY 98)	No Auth	Not Needed	Dis-appr	
Program						
1. Eliminate requirements that JTPA participants be provided insurance coverage for injuries suffered on the job. (AR97-011)			X			Labor standards, including these requirements, are excepted from the Secretary's waiver authority.
2. Permit stand-alone work experience for titles II & III. (AR97-001 and 018)	XX					
3. Provide for stand-alone job search assistance, job search skills training, and job club for title II adults & youth. (AR97-002)	X					
4. Provide for post-termination services, included limited training, for up to one year for all adults & youth. (AR97-003 and 019)	XX					Does not include needs-based or needs-related payments as post-termination option for titles II or III.
5. Permit individualized assessment and individual service strategy with State, rather than Federal, requirements. (AR97-014)	X					

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6. Eliminate 50% out-of-school youth service requirement. (AR97-005)			X			Relates to eligibility; not subject to the Secretary's waiver authority. Also, DOL believes it is important to services to out-of-school youth, and the ratio requirement is the only statutory provision that guarantees services to this target population.
7. Include computer literacy in "basic skills" requirement. (AR97-006)					X	The Act defines "basic skills deficient" as including only those participants whose reading and math skill levels are sufficiently low to qualify as one of the hard-to-serve targeted categories, and the Secretary is not expanding this eligibility definition. However, States could permit "computer illiteracy" as an SDA-defined barrier to employment.
8. Permit use of 8% State Education Coordination funds for educational training & services to Title IIB youth. (AR97-007)				X		The State may already offer services under JTPA Sec. 123 to eligible summer youth.

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9. Permit use of Section 123 8% State Education Coordination Funds for educational training & services for all JTPA participants. (AR97-008)			X			Relates to eligibility; not subject to the Secretary's waiver authority.
10. Provide for stand-alone pre-employment and work maturity skills training for youth. (AR97-015)	X					
11. Provide for subsidized employment with private for-profit employers, to permit limited internships with private for-profit employers. (AR97-021)	X					
12. Provide for youth OJT without wage and combined activity requirements. (AR97-022)	X					
13. Allow summer youth programs to commence up to one month prior to scheduled summer break. (AR97-016)	X					
14. Allow needs-based payments for all adults in training. (AR97-017)	X					
15. Eliminate time limits for OJT for part-time workers. (AR97-020)	X					

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16. Allow PSE for all titles. (AR97-009)					X	DOL believes there are sufficient services available to address the employment needs of participants without PSE. In addition, the Secretary has waived the prohibition at JTPA Sec. 141(k) on the use of funds for subsidized employment with private for-profit employers for adults in response to requests from other States and will continue to consider such requests.
Administrative						
1. Exclude competitive procurement requirement for training slots at post-secondary or local secondary educational facilities when there are published "off-the-shelf" prices. (AR97-012)				X		Waiver of preamble discussion not needed; small purchase threshold of \$25,000 for Ind. Referral; new federal threshold is \$100,000.
2. Reduce cost categories to two: administration & training and allow flexible cost limitations. (AR97-004)	X					Excludes national reserve account grants, and the costs of Rapid Response activities shall continue to be reported separately.

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3. Permit shared use of real property (including space, equipment, and supplies) purchased with JTPA and/or Wagner-Peyser \$ in providing services to mutual customers. (AR97-013)	X					Waiver limited to the use of JTPA property in a one-stop center.
<p>Period of the granted waivers: PY 97 (7/01/97-6/30/98). State has declined to implement approved waivers.</p> <p>NOTE: 1. There is a numbering disparity in the table as a result of one waiver request (AR97-010) being withdrawn by request of the State and not considered.</p> <p>2. A cell with more than one "X" indicates a situation where two (2) discrete waivers in the same area have been combine for response. Each should be counted in the total.</p>						