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Bobby Jindal, Governor **Suzy Sonnier**, Secretary

January 8, 2016

The Honorable Scott Simon, Chairman House Committee on Health and Welfare P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Representative Simon:

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The proposed rule will reflect changes in relation to the application of policies which create more normalcy for a child in the foster care system while maintaining the health, safety, and best interest of the child. The proposed changes are necessary to comply with Public Law 113-183 and ACT 124 of the 2015 regular legislative session.

DCFS held a public hearing on December 29, 2015 and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the February issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective March 1, 2016.

Please contact me at (225) 342-9538 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Secretary for Programs





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The Honorable Charles E. Kleckley Speaker of the House Louisiana House of Representatives P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

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The Honorable David Heitmeier, Chairman Louisiana Senate Committee on Health and Welfare P. O. Box 94183, Capitol Station Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Senator Heitmeier:

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The Honorable John Alario President of the Senate Louisiana State Senate P. O. Box 94183, Capitol Station Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Senator Alario:

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standards" that was promulgated and published on page 1501 of the November 2015 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, November 10, 2015.

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DCFS held a public hearing on September 25, 2015 and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the February issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective March 1, 2016.

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