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RE: Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Rulemaking

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "Suspension of License Renewal Fees – Child Residential Care Class B, Residential Homes (Type IV), Child Placing Agencies—General Provisions, and Juvenile Detention" that was promulgated and published on page 1616 of the November 2020 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, November 10, 2020.

The proposed rule will amend LAC 67:V, Subpart 8, Chapter 69, Child Residential Care, Class B, Section 6953; Chapter 71, Residential Homes-Type IV, Section 7103; Chapter 73, Child Placing Agencies, Section 7303; and Chapter 75, Juvenile Detention Facilities, Section 7503 to implement a temporary suspension of license renewal fees from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, according to House Concurrent Resolution 71.

DCFS held a public hearing on December 29, 2020, 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 2021 issue of the Louisiana Register. This Rule is effective March 1, 2021.

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

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