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The Honorable Patrick McMath Chairman, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare

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The Honorable Dustin Miller

Chairman, House Committee on Health and Welfare

Via Email: apa.h-hw@legis.la.gov

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, "Licensee Portal - Child Residential Care Class B, Residential Homes (Type IV), Child Placing Agencies—General Provisions, and Juvenile Detention" that was promulgated and published on page 529 of the April 2024 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, April 10, 2024.

DCFS held a public hearing on May 28, 2024, and no comments were received on the proposal. However after the hearing, upon review, the department made changes to the proposed rule. Therefore, a second public hearing was held on August 19, 2024. No comments were received. A copy of the second public hearing notification, which includes the revised version of the proposed rule, is attached.

The proposed rule will amend LAC 67:V.6956, 7108, 7311, and 7507. At this time, the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the October 2024 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective November 1, 2024.

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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Attachments

cc: The Honorable Cameron Henry, President, Louisiana Senate Office of the State Register

