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John Bel Edwards, Governor
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May 6, 2016

The Honorable John A. Alario
President of the Senate
P. O. Box 94183
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 "State Central Registry" that was promulgated and published on page 446 of the March 2016 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, March 10, 2016.

The proposed rule will provide for the disclosure of State Central Registry information as required by the Federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) on justified/valid sexual abuse findings to the Office of Juvenile Justice, upon request, when a prospective or current employee of a juvenile facility is listed as a perpetrator; include disclosure of justified/valid findings on the State Central Registry for prospective volunteers and service providers; and update current department and program titles. These amendments are in accordance with 42 USC 15601, et seq and 28 CFR 115.6.

DCFS held a public hearing on April 27, 2016 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 June issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective July 1, 2016.

Please contact me at (225) 342-4044 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr., Chairman
Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
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The Honorable Taylor Barras
Speaker of the House
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