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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, "Criminal History Records Checks for Access to Federal Tax Information (FTI)" that was promulgated and published on page 998 of the July 2020 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, July 10, 2020.

The proposed rule will amend LAC 67:I. Chapter 2, Section 205, Criminal History Records Checks for Access to FTI to align the process with other agencies subject to Internal Revenue Service oversight, including Department of Revenue and Department of Health. This amendment includes additional details of procedures the department will follow in performance of federally required criminal history checks.

DCFS held a public hearing on August 25, 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 October issue of the Louisiana Register. This Rule is effective November 1, 2020.

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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