

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**Department of Children and Family Services
Economic Stability**

**Jobs for America's Graduates Louisiana (JAGS-LA) Program
(LAC 67:III.5591)**

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Economic Stability, has exercised the emergency provision of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) to amend LAC 67:III, Subpart 15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Initiatives, Chapter 55 TANF Initiatives, Section 5591 Jobs for America's Graduates Louisiana (JAGS-LA) Program. This declaration is necessary to extend the original Emergency Rule since it is effective for a maximum of 120 days and will expire before the Final Rule takes effect. This Emergency Rule extension is effective on February 28, 2021, and shall remain in effect for a period of 120 days or until adoption of a Final Rule, whichever occurs first.

Pursuant to Louisiana's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant, amendment of Section 5591 is required to update language concerning service provider.

The department considers emergency action necessary to facilitate the expenditure of TANF funds. The authorization to promulgate emergency rules to facilitate the expenditure of TANF funds is contained in Act 1 of the 2020 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Title 67

SOCIAL SERVICES

Part III. Economic Stability

Subpart 15. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Initiatives

Chapter 55. TANF Initiatives

§5591. Jobs for America's Graduates Louisiana (JAGS-LA) Program

A. ~~Effective July 1, 2007~~ November 1, 2020, the ~~Office of Family Support~~ department ~~shall~~ may enter into a ~~Memorandum of~~

~~Understanding~~ agreements for the purpose of administrating with the Department of Education for the Jobs for America's Graduates Louisiana (JAG-LA) Program to help keep in school those students at risk of failing in school, to capture out-of-school youth in need of a high school education, to provide an avenue for achieving academically, and to assist students in ultimately earning recognized credentials that will make it possible for them to exit school and enter post-secondary education and/or the workforce.

B. These services meet TANF Goal 3 to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies by providing intervention and improved life prospects for students who show evidence of failing, dropping out or engaging in negative behaviors that can lead to dependency, out-of-wedlock births, imprisonment, and/or other undesirable outcomes which may lead to the detriment and impoverishment of youth.

C. Eligible participants in the JAG-LA Program shall be 12-22 years of age and must face at least two designated barriers to success that include economic, academic, personal, environmental, or work related barriers.

D. Services are considered non-assistance by the agency.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.; R.S. 46:231 and R.S. 36:474; House Bill 1, 2007 Reg. Session Act 18, 2007 Reg. Session.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, LR 33:2468 (November 2007), amended LR 34:698 (April 2008), LR 35:1257 (July 2009), amended by the Department of Children and Family Services, Economic Stability Section, LR 46:

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