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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr.
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The Honorable Larry Bagley
Chairman, House Committee on Health and Welfare
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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 "Maintenance and Disclosure of Information on Reports and Investigations on the State Repository" that was promulgated and published on page 608 of the May 2021 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, May 10, 2021.

The proposed rule clarifies to the public that information of individuals is maintained on the state repository within cases of child abuse/neglect and includes all individuals involved in the case when there is a justified/valid finding for at least one individual.

DCFS held a public hearing on June 28, 2021, 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 August 2021 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective September 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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cc: The Honorable Patrick P. Cortez, President, Louisiana Senate
Office of the State Register

