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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr.  
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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" that was promulgated and published on page 2780 of the November 2022 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, November 10, 2022.

The proposed rule will amend LAC 67:1, Section 205 to allow the Department the option to terminate or remove current employees who are determined FTI unsuitable.

DCFS held a public hearing on December 27, 2022, 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 February 2023 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective March 1, 2023.

Please contact me at (225) 400-3311 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

*Shavana Howard*

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cc: The Honorable Patrick P. Cortez, President, Louisiana Senate  
Office of the State Register

