

## **Georgia Department of Human Services**

Aging Services | Child Support Services | Family & Children Services

December 5, 2022

Notice of Intended Action and Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. Rules 290-9-2-.01, 290-9-2-.04 and 290-9-2-.07 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services, Rules and Regulations for Child Placing Agencies

## To All Interested Persons and Parties:

The Georgia Department of Human Services (the "Department) proposes the adoption of rule amendments to Rule 290-9-2-.01, entitled "Definitions," Rule 290-9-2-.04, entitled "Criminal History Background Checks, Agency Personnel," and Rule 290-9-2-.07, entitled "Foster Care Services," of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Human Services, Rules and Regulations for Child Placing Agencies. The Department will be accepting written comments regarding the proposed amendments from December 5, 2022, through January 4, 2023.

This notice, together with a markup of the proposed amendments and a synopsis of the proposed amendments, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list.

A copy of this notice, a markup of the proposed amendments, and a synopsis of the proposed amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Human Services, Office of General Counsel at the following address:

Office of General Counsel Georgia Department of Human Services 2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 29-201 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

These documents will also be available for review on the Department's web page at <a href="https://dhs.georgia.gov/">https://dhs.georgia.gov/</a>.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 4, 2023, via teleconference (access information available at <a href="https://dhs.georgia.gov/">https://dhs.georgia.gov/</a> under "Events Schedule") to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into

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the proposed amendments. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received by the Department on or before January 4, 2023. Written comments should be addressed to:

Regina Quick
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Georgia Department of Human Services
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The proposed amendments will be considered for adoption by the Board at its meeting scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 15, 2023, location to be determined. Upto-date meeting schedule information will be posted at <a href="https://dhs.georgia.gov/">https://dhs.georgia.gov/</a>.

## **Comment Period and Additional Information:**

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Interested persons may call or submit a written request to obtain a copy of the synopsis and the markup of the proposed amendments. A copy of the synopsis and the markup proposed amendments may also be downloaded from the Department's web page at <a href="https://dhs.georgia.gov/">https://dhs.georgia.gov/</a>.

This notice is given in compliance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.