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Action: Notice of Intent to Consider the Adoption of an Amendment to Chapter 290-1-8-.02 related to Consumer Reports (Credit Reports) to be Obtained for Youth in Foster Care.

To All Interested Persons and Parties:

Pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, O.C.G.A. §§ 4-4-2 and 4-4-83, notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services will be considering the adoption of an amendment to 290-1-8-.02 related to Consumer Reports (Credit Reports) to be obtained for Youth in Foster Care. The Department will be accepting written comments from June 2, 2015, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EDT) on June 15, 2015.

Synopsis, Main Features and Differences:

The Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) will be considering the adoption of a rule amendment to change the age at which credit reports are required to be obtained for children in foster care, from 16 years to 14 years, under Section 1 of Chapter 290-1-8-.02.

Additionally, the Department is proposing to change the age, from 16 years to 14 years, under Section 2 of Chapter 290-1-8-.02, which requires that the Department ensure that children in foster care receive assistance in interpreting and resolving inaccuracies in the provided report.

This change is being proposed following the amendment of 42 USC Section 675(5)(I).

Section 113(b)(2)(B) of PL 113-183, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, amended 42 USC Section 675(5)(I) to require that, as a part of the case plan requirements, under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, each child in foster care who has reached the age of 14 receive a credit report annually and receive assistance in interpreting the report and correcting any inaccuracies. Previously, the age at which children in care were required to begin receiving credit reports was 16.

This change is necessary for DFCS to remain compliant with the requirements of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. Beginning credit monitoring for youth in foster care at a younger age will aid the State in capturing inaccuracies in credit reports for these youth at an earlier period.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 675(5)(I); O.C.G.A. §§ 49-5-42 and 49-5-43. **History:** Original Rule entitled “Consumer Reports (Credit Reports) To Be Obtained for Youth in Foster Care” adopted, June 19, 2013; eff. Jul. 9, 2013.

PL 113-183, “The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act” eff. Sep. 29, 2014.

Comment Period and Additional Information:

The Department will be accepting written comments from June 2, 2015, to close of business (4:30 p.m. EDT) on June 15, 2015. Comments will be considered on June 17, 2015. Please submit written comments to:

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Interested persons may call or submit a written request to obtain a copy of the proposed rule(s). A copy of the synopsis and the proposed rule(s) may be downloaded from the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services website at <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/foster-care>.

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