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August 10, 2020

The Honorable Patrick P. Cortez President, Louisiana Senate

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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr.

Chairman, Senate 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, "Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP)" that was promulgated and published on page 800 of the June 2020 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, June 10, 2020.

The proposed rule will amend LAC 67:III, sections 1938, 1940, 1941, 1987, 1988, 1998, 2013, and 2111. Section 1938 is being amended to remove the requirement for mandatory participation in an Employment and Training Program, to update the disqualification periods for noncompliance with work requirements, and to remove whole household disqualifications. Section 1940 is being amended to update the 36-month time period and to maintain compliance with 7 CFR 273.24. Section 1941 is being amended to maintain compliance with 7 CFR 273.7. Section 1987 is being amended to maintain compliance with 7 CFR 273.11(r) and (s). Sections 1998, 2013, and 2111 are being amended to maintain compliance with 7 CFR 273.12(a)(1)(viii).

DCFS held a public hearing on July 28, 2020, 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 September issue of the Louisiana Register. This Rule is effective October 1, 2020.

Please contact me at (225) 342-4044 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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