Notice of Public Hearing for Proposed Rulemaking
Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

**Rules and Regulations for**
*Child Care Learning Centers,*
**Rule Chapter 591-1-1**

- Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.15
- Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.16
- Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.17
- Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.29
- Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.32

**Rules and Regulations for**
*Family Child Care Learning Homes,*
**Rule Chapter 290-2-3**

- Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.04
- Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.07
- Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.10
- Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.11
- Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.14

Notice Date: July 20, 2020

Dear Sir or Madam:

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) proposes to amend Rule Chapter 591-1-1 in the *Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers* and Rule Chapter 290-2-3 in the *Rules and Regulations for Family Child Care Learning Homes*.

DECAL proposes to amend these rules and regulations to clarify and simplify compliance and reporting requirements.

The proposed amendments have been posted to Bright from the Start’s website at [http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/ProposedRevisions.aspx](http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/ProposedRevisions.aspx).

Bright from the Start invites the public to comment on the proposed amendments. After receiving all public comments, DECAL’s Board of Early Care and Learning will consider and act on the proposed changes at the quarterly board meeting Thursday, August 27, 2020. In response to the public health emergency, this meeting will be conducted using GoTo Webinar technology. Anyone wishing to participate in the DECAL board meeting or make comments to the board should register for the meeting at [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/461805187415828493](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/461805187415828493).

Interested parties can submit comments in the following ways: 1. Can type their comments during the virtual meeting using the GoTo Webinar chat box; 2. Can email their comments to [CCSRuleRevisions@decal.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRuleRevisions@decal.ga.gov) before 5 p.m., August 26, 2020; 3. Can fax their comments to 678-891-5643 before 5 p.m., August 26, 2020; 4. Can mail their comments to 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Suite 754, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334; or 5. Can appear in person at 2
Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, 8th floor, Oak Room, Atlanta, GA 30334 and sign-in before 11 a.m. to address the board through GoTo Webinar at an official public hearing. Comments submitted in writing through the GoTo Webinar chat box will be read aloud to the entire board. Comments sent to DECAL before the board meeting during the 30-day comment period will be distributed to board members for their review.

Comments made in writing will be given the same consideration as those that are made verbally.

All interested parties are invited to participate in the virtual public hearing even if they choose not to make verbal comments regarding the proposed rule amendments.

We appreciate our partnership with you in meeting the early care and education needs of Georgia’s children and families, and we value your expertise and experience as we refine the rules and regulations that ensure our children remain healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Pam Stevens
Deputy Commissioner for Child Care Services