

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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## NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services announces for a public comment period of thirty (30) calendar days a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed rule under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: A.C.A. § 9-28-103.

### **Effective May 1, 2022:**

The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) amends the DCFS Policy and Procedures Manual. DCFS amends policy VII-H to revise policy to align with Acts 317 and 814 of the 93<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. Resource parents may receive records concerning a child previously in their care and must be called as a witness when providing information to the court about a child placed in their custody. DCFS amends section VI-H9 to align travel procedures with other policy regarding the encouragement of normalcy. These amendments include that a child in foster care may travel on vacation or similar trips with approval from the Department of Human Services and that resource parents must have prior written approval to transport children in foster care for an overnight stay outside the state. The revision also outlines the procedural requirements for submission of the request. DCFS also makes formatting and technical corrections throughout the sections.

The proposed rule is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Rules Promulgation, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access and download the proposed rule at <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/do-business-with-dhs/proposed-rules/>. Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: [ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov). All public comments must be received by DHS no later than **March 14, 2022**. Please note that public comments submitted in response to this notice are considered public documents. A public comment, including the commenter's name and any personal information contained within the public comment, will be made publicly available and may be seen by various people.

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