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## **RULES OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

### **CHAPTER 290-1-8**

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS AUTHORIZING CONSUMER REPORTS FOR FOSTER CARE YOUTH**

##### **SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

The Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services (the Department) proposes an amendment to section 290-1-8-.02, related to Consumer Reports (Credit Reports) to be Obtained for Youth in Foster Care, authorizing the Department to obtain consumer reports (credit reports) for children in the custody of the Department, who have attained the age of 14 and to assist these youth in interpreting and resolving any inaccuracies. Adoption of this amendment will allow the Department to comply with 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) that requires 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.

**MAIN FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

The amendment to section 290-1-8-.02 will include the following features:

- Youth in Foster Care will be provided a copy of their consumer credit report at the age of 14, two years earlier than the standing rule requirement.
- Additionally, each child in care, 14 years and older, will receive assistance in interpreting and resolving any inaccuracies in the reports; this assistance will be provided two years earlier than the standing rule requirement.