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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

DATE: September 18, 2025

TIME: 1:00pm

LOCATION: Teleconference and Punderson Conference Room

35 E. Chestnut Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

This meeting will be held by teleconference and in person. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please attend the meeting site location or call in at the date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D # which is 348 001 442#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.

Pursuant to sections 5104.017, 5104.018 and 5104.01 and in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amending of 5180:2-13-01 and 5180:2-13-18 as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

Rules of 5180:2-13-01 and 5180:2-13-18 are being proposed for amendment as a result of changes to child/staff ratios and maximum group sizes outlined in House Bill 96 of the 136th General Assembly of Ohio.

5180:2-13-01 "Definitions for licensed family child care" defines the terms used throughout Chapter 5180:2-13 of the family child care licensing rules. Amendments to this rule include the following changes: The definition of Type A home means the permanent residence of the provider in which child care is provided for eight to fourteen children at one time. The definition of Type B home was amended to mean the permanent residence of the provider in which child care is provided for one to seven children at one time. This rule is being amended.

5180:2-13-18 "Group size and ratios for a licensed family child care provider" outlines the requirements for staff/child ratios and maximum group size for licensed family child care providers. Additions to this rule include increasing the number of children each child care staff member may care for at any one time from six to seven for both Type A and Type B homes. Additionally, the maximum group size for Type A providers will be increased from twelve children to fourteen children. No more than three of those children may be under two years of age. When four to six children under two years of age are present in the Type A home at one time or the total number of children of any age are present in the Type A home at one time is greater than seven, an additional child care staff member is to be present. This rule is being amended.

A copy of the proposed amended rules 5180:2-13-01 and 5180:2-13-18 are available, without charge, to any person affected by the rules at the address listed below. The rules 5180:2-13-01 and 5180:2-13-18 are also available on the internet at http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/.

A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on the rules should be submitted to the attention of DCY Rules Coordinator by mail to the Ohio Department of Children and Youth, Legal Division, PO Box 183204, Columbus, Ohio 43218, or by e-mail at rules@childrenandyouth.ohio.gov.