
**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-.36

***Rules and Regulations for Group Day Care Homes*
Rule Chapter 290-2-1**

Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-1-.11

Proposed Adoption of Rule 290-2-1-.21

***Rules and Regulations for Family Day Care Homes*
Rule Chapter 290-2-3**

Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.11

Notice Date: January 17, 2014

Dear Sir or Madam:

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (Bright from the Start) proposes to amend the *Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers* Rule 591-1-1-.36, the *Rules and Regulations for Group Day Care Homes* Rule 290-2-1-.11 and the *Rules and Regulations for Family Day Care Homes* Rule 290-2-3.11. Bright from the Start also proposes to adopt the *Rules and Regulations for Group Day Care Homes* Rule 290-2-1-.21.

Bright from the Start proposes these changes to clarify, simplify and consolidate the compliance and reporting requirements for relevant licensees in the area of transportation. Specifically, the proposed changes for Family Day Care Homes clarify areas of confusion. The proposed changes for Group Day Care Homes clarify areas of confusion and simplify rule 290-2-1-.11 by removing rules regarding transportation and creating a new rule, 290-2-1-.21, devoted solely to the area of transportation. The proposed changes for Child Care Learning Centers clarify areas of confusion, consolidate rules so that the requirements for vehicles with alarms are the same as vehicles without alarms, and simplify reporting requirements.

The detailed proposed changes identified above have been posted to Bright from the Start's website at <http://decal.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

The proposed changes are being considered for adoption on a permanent basis, and Bright from the Start invites interested parties to comment on them.

Interested parties who wish to make **verbal comments** on the proposed rule changes may do so at a public hearing before the Board of Early Care and Learning. The public hearing will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at **2 Martin Luther King Jr., Drive SE, East Tower 8th**

Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334 on Thursday, February 20, 2014. Speakers should sign in to speak before 1 p.m. If no guest speakers arrive by 1:30 p.m., the board will resume its regular meeting.

Interested parties who prefer can submit **written comments** by mail to 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Suite 754, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334, by e-mail to CCSRuleRevisions@dec.al.ga.gov or by Fax to 678-891-5643. To be considered, Bright from the Start must receive written comments on or before 5 p.m. February 19, 2014. Comments made in writing will be given the same consideration as those made verbally.

All interested parties are invited to attend the board meeting or public hearing even if they choose not to make verbal comments regarding the proposed rule amendments.