Department of Human Resources Agency Division, if applicable

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: HUMAN RESOURCES

RULE NO. & TITLE: 660-5-34 - Chemical Endangerment

INTENDED ACTION: To repeal Chapter 660-5-34 and to Create a new chapter.

<u>SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:</u> (1) The addition of a new allegation "Chemical Endangerment.

- (2) The addition of adding clergy as a mandated reporter of child abuse/neglect.
- (3) The addition of wording regarding court intervention adding wording to rule 10 that the court may intervene if "there has been an out of home non-foster care safety plan in place for (90) ninety days."
- (4) The addition of a rule (rule 6) on safety assessment.
- (5) Changing of the word "initial" to "CA/N" regarding assessments.
- (6) The addition of new rule.06 Safety Assessment.
- (7) Wording has been changed to streamline the process of evaluating situations to determine if risk of maltreatment exists. The action allows county DHR offices greater flexibility in assessing and determining the risk of maltreatment to children.

<u>TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:</u> All interested parties may submit data, views, or arguments respecting the proposed amendment by mail or in person through the close of business on May 3, 2007. Persons wishing to submit data, views, or arguments orally should contact the Department's Administrative Procedure Secretary between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding State holidays, at (334) 242 - 1328, or set up an appointment for such oral/in person presentations.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: May 3, 2007

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