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August 26, 2016

The Honorable John Bel Edwards
Governor
State of Louisiana
P.O. Box 94004
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RE: Declaration of Emergency
(LAC 28:CLXI)

Dear Governor Edwards:

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) has exercised the emergency provision in accordance with R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, and R.S. 17.6. to amend LAC 28:CLXI, Bulletin 137, *Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations: §1703. Criminal Background Checks for Volunteers, Staff, Visitors and Independent Contractors*. This Declaration of Emergency, effective August 26, 2016, will remain in effect until November 30, 2016.

The proposed policy revision will allow childcare center staff to use their current criminal background checks to work in centers serving children displaced by the recent storms and flooding. The policy change allows a director or owner to affirm via affidavit that the employee had a clean background check and allows the employee to immediately meet a need for child care workers in affected areas. This policy revision will be in effect until November 30, 2016.

Sincerely,


James D. Garvey, Jr.
President

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Enclosure (1)

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