

**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-.02  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.07  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.08  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.09  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.29  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.37  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 591-1-1-.38

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

Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.03  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.05  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.08  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.14  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.15  
Proposed Amendment of Rule 290-2-3-.21

Notice Date: July 15, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam:

Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) proposes to amend Rule Chapter 591-1-1 in the *Rules and Regulations for Child Care Learning Centers* and Rule Chapter 290-2-3 in the *Rules and Regulations for Family Child Care Learning Homes*.

DECAL proposes these amendments to the aforementioned rules and regulations to enhance the health and safety of children in care.

The proposed amendments have been posted under the Proposed Revisions tab on DECAL's website at [Rules and Regulations \(ga.gov\)](https://decals.ga.gov/rules-and-regulations).

The proposed amendments are being considered on a permanent basis, and DECAL invites interested parties to comment on them. Interested parties may submit written comments by mail to 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive SE, Suite 754, East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334, by fax to 678-891-5643, by entering comments through the GotoWebinar chat box at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6488103090851374095>, or by e-mail to [CCSRuleRevisions@decals.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRuleRevisions@decals.ga.gov). To be considered, DECAL must receive written comments on or before 5 p.m., August 24, 2022.

Interested parties who prefer 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 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oak Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30334 on Thursday, August 25, 2022. 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. Comments made in writing will be given the same consideration as those that are made verbally.

All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing even if they choose not to make verbal comments regarding the rule amendment proposals.

We appreciate our partnership with you in meeting the early care and education needs of Georgia's children and families, and we value your expertise and experience as we refine the rules and regulations that ensure our children remain healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Stevens".

Pam Stevens  
Deputy Commissioner for Child Care Services