August 28, 2020

Mrs. Sandy Holloway, President
Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

President Holloway:

Pursuant to the authority granted to the BESE President in LAC 28: I.305.B. to make ad hoc decisions for the board in times of emergency, and subject to ratification by the board, I am requesting a waiver of BESE rules to support Louisiana local education agencies (LEA) impacted by the recent COVID-19 public health emergency.

Rules Impacting Early Learning Centers:
- Bulletin 137, Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations
  o §1707(D) —Staff age requirement. In addition to a person age 17, a person age 16 may be included in child-to-staff ratios, if the person works under the direct supervision of an adult staff member. This waiver shall be effective March 14, 2020 through January 31, 2021, unless terminated sooner by BESE.
- Bulletin 137, Louisiana Early Learning Center Licensing Regulations
  o §1815(B)-(C)—Fees for the Child Care Criminal Background Check. Waive the $15 Department fee for background checks and the $15 fee for out of state applicants until June 30, 2021.

Rules Impacting Family Child Care Providers and In-Home Providers:
- Bulletin 139, Louisiana Child Care and Development Fund Programs
  o §310(F)—Fees for the Child Care Criminal Background Check. Waive the $15 Department fee for background checks and the $15 fee for out of state applicants until June 30, 2021.

If approved, these BESE rules will be subject to the ratification of the state board at its next regularly scheduled meeting and will be immediately communicated to impacted persons and entities as they attempt to respond to this devastating event. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cade Brumley
State Superintendent of Education

Approved: _Sandy Holloway_____ Date: _8/28/20_____
Sandy Holloway, President Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

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