

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 31 (HB 461)

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Existing law provides that the legislative intent of existing law known as the Specialized Provider Licensing Act, R.S. 46:1401 et seq., is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of children and youth who are in out-of-home care on a regular or consistent basis. Provides for licensing by the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) of specialized providers, defined as child-placing agencies, maternity homes, and certain residential homes providing care for children. Authorizes DCFS to issue sanctions against specialized providers operating in violation of regulations adopted pursuant to existing law.

Prior law relative to sanctions against specialized providers referred to violations related to the state central registry disclosure process. New law revises this reference to refer instead to violations related to state central registry clearances.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 46:1430(A)(1))