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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides with respect to violations related to state central registry clearances by entities licensed in accordance with the Specialized Provider Licensing Act.

Present law provides that the legislative intent of present law known as the Specialized Provider Licensing Act, R.S. 46:1401 et seq., is to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the children and youth of the state 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. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes DCFS to issue sanctions against specialized providers operating in violation of regulations adopted pursuant to proposed law. Refers to violations related to the state central registry disclosure process. Proposed law revises this reference to refer instead to state central registry clearances. Otherwise, retains present law.

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