

HB 1453: Foster Home Licensing Rules

HB 1453 impacts 13 CSR 35-60.010 – Family Homes Offering Foster Care:

Changes to foster home licensing rules based upon HB 1453 will:

- Require CD staff to conduct a search for full orders of protection for anyone seeking a foster parent license and any adult in the applicant's household.
- Requires the submission of two sets of fingerprints for local and federal background checks on applicant and any adult over age 17 or child under 17 who has been certified as an adult.
- The division must determine if any children less than 17 in the home have been certified as an adult and been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any crime.
- Requires CD staff to determine if any person over 17 in the home and any child less than 17 who has been certified as an adult for the commission of a crime is listed on the child abuse and neglect registry.
- Subject to appropriation the total cost of fingerprinting may be paid by the state.

Current policy:

Located in Section 6.3.B in the Child Welfare Manual, current policy reflects existing licensing rules which requires any individual(s) planning to offer twenty-four (24) hour care to one (1) or more foster children must submit signed application forms.

New or added policy:

Policy changes will be made during the rule making process which last 6-7 months. Changes will incorporate the more thorough background check requirements of HB 1453 for all foster home applicants. These changes are directly related to the CD principle of protection in that children have the right to be safe and live free from abuse and neglect. More stringent checks on our resource families will allow the division to ensure that foster children are safe when placed into out of home care.