## **RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**

Proposed permanent rules to amend 135:10-25-1, 135:10-25-3, 135:10-25-4, 135:10-25-8

Purpose: Clarify the role of the Freestanding Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Teams and require the use of a secure database to collect information during case reviews.

Classes of persons who will be affected by the proposed rules: Members of each freestanding multidisciplinary team.

Persons who will benefit from the proposed rules: Members of each freestanding multidisciplinary team.

Probable economic impact: None

Probable costs and benefits to the agency: Adding the freestanding multidisciplinary teams program data to the agency's secure database is not expected to result in significant additional costs. Benefits to the agency include more effective case management, allowing for programmatic evaluations and identifying trends in child maltreatment cases to make recommendations for improving the children and youth service system.

Economic impact on any political subdivisions: NA

Adverse economic impact on small business: NA

Measures taken by the agency to minimize compliance costs: NA

Effect of the proposed rule on the public health, safety and environment: Being able to track trends in child maltreatment cases across the state and across programs will allow agency staff and policy makers to better identify possible solutions for the prevention of, and early intervention in, child maltreatment.

Detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if proposed rule is not implemented: No significant impact.

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