

CS Public Rules Hearing on April 26, 2021 at 10:06AM (CST)

Transcription From the Hearing:

<**Daphne A. Davidson**> This rulemaking hearing is called to order at 10:06 a.m. CST on Monday, April 26, 2021. My name is Daphne Davidson, Senior Associate General Counsel for the Department of Human Services. I have been designated as the hearing officer to conduct this rulemaking hearing.

<**Daphne A. Davidson**> This hearing is conducted pursuant to the Tennessee Administrative Procedures Act, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 2, of the Tennessee Code Annotated, and pursuant to T.C.A. § 71-1-102(12), which is the law giving DHS the authority to make rules as deemed necessary. This is conducted via video conferencing, which is currently permitted by the Executive Order 78 due to the Covid-19 pandemic for public meetings and hearings to consider promulgation of proposed rules Chapter 1240-08-04, rule number 1240-08-04-.03 and rule number 1240-08-04-.09

<**Daphne A. Davidson**> We are present this morning to hear oral comments on these proposed rules. The comments will be recorded. We are not here to respond to your comments at this time, we are just simply recording them for a later response on the Secretary of State's website. So let me repeat that because this is not the typical hearing that we usually think of when we think of word hearing. This is simply a time for these comments (your comments) to be recorded and not to receive responses from us at DHS at this time, however we will later respond to each comment on the Secretary of State's website that you will be able to access.

<**Daphne A. Davidson**> The Department will also accept written comments on the rules. The hearing record for these rules will be kept open to collect written comments, which must be received by the Department no later than May 7, 2021 which is ten (10) days after today's hearing date of April 26, 2021. All written comments should be marked with your name, address, and phone number and should refer to the chapter number 1240-08-04 and should be submitted to DHS in c/o the Office of General Counsel, James K. Polk Building, 14th floor, 505 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243. That address is in the chat box for you to look at and have that address handy and so that you can see that. We will also add, if its already not in there in the chatbox, our policy email address for you to email written comments to us as well. Again, please get those comments to us no later than May 7, 2021.

<**Daphne A. Davidson**> The comments we receive will be reviewed by the DHS Executive staff. Comments may result in changes to these rules; therefore, your comments very are important to us.

<**Daphne A. Davidson**> The rules will then be written in final form, sent to the State Attorney General's office for legal review, and then filed with the Secretary of State together with a summary of the comments and the Department's responses to all the comments as a group.

Sometimes we get comments that are very similar and those may be grouped together, but all the comments will be responded to. The rules will not be effective until ninety (90) days following the date when they are actually filed with the Secretary of State. Following the filing with the Secretary of State, they also will be reviewed by the Senate/House Government Operations Committee who may recommend changes to the rules. That hearing may also be attended by the public as well. Please let me know if you would like to make a comment on the record. This record will be open here for oral comments this morning for one hour. We started at 10:06 am, so until 11:06 am so please let us know if you would like to make a comment. I am going to open the floor for oral comments at this time.

< **Daphne A. Davidson**> Again the recording is available right now for any oral comments that anyone would like to make regarding the proposed rules, so please feel free to make a comment at this time. You can either unmute yourself or raise your hand in the chat and I will acknowledge your name for the record and then you can make a comment, but please feel free to make a comment.

<**David Tisdale**> Daphne, good morning, I don't have any comments, but I just wanted to ensure that I was identified correctly on this call as I am coming up as the state office account. This is David Tisdale

< **Daphne A. Davidson**> Thank you David, you are coming up as Child Support State office?

<**David Tisdale**> Correct.

< **Daphne A. Davidson**> Okay, Thank you very much, I appreciate that.

< **Daphne A. Davidson**> We have a few people on the call here, not too many, but again if anyone would like to make a comment about the proposed revised rules please do so and we will acknowledge your name and then you can go forward with your comment. Again, you can also make written comments, the record will remain open for 10 days or until May 7, 2021 for you to make a written comment to DHS. The address is in the chat box, and there is also an email for the Child Support Policy unit, if you would like to email your comments as well. We welcome those comments and will be responding to them on the Secretary of State's website. Please feel free to make any comments you would like to make on the proposed changes.

<**Daphne A. Davidson**> Good Morning Everyone, we are still recording this rule comments/public rulemaking hearing. It is 10:37am CST, we started at 10:06am CST so we will continue to leave the oral record for oral comments open until 11:06 am CST. Remember, you can make written comments for the next 10 days, please have those in by May 7, 2021. If you would like to do so, the written address and the policy email address are in the chat box for your convenience. If you would like to make any oral comments, please do so at this time.

<**Daphne A. Davidson**> Hey good morning again everyone, it is 11:06 am CST on April 26, 2021. We have not had anyone call in to the hearing or appear in the WebEx as wishing to make comments. We have had a few people call in, but no one has made any comments for this public

rulemaking hearing for the Child support guidelines. We will have the written comments available to you for another 10 days until May 7, 2021. Again that address to mail them in will be DHS at 505 Deaderick Street, Nashville TN 37243, c/o Office of General Counsel or you can email any written comments to *childsupportpolicy.dhs@tn.gov*; both of those addresses are in the chat box for your convenience, so please feel free to make any written comments until May 7, 2021. It is now 11:07 am CST on Monday April 26, 2021.

< **Daphne A. Davidson**> This rulemaking hearing is now concluded. Thank you and have a great day.