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(A) The Administration shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out the child welfare services and foster care programs under this subtitle.

(B) THE REGULATIONS SHALL REQUIRE THAT AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO:

~~(4) (I) REQUIRE THAT~~

~~(1) DURING THE HOME STUDY PROCESS, A BACKGROUND CHECK OF ANY CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS AND ARREARAGES BE CONDUCTED ON A PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENT AN APPLICANT FOR FOSTER HOME APPROVAL WHO IS ALSO A BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENT PRIOR TO THE PLACEMENT OF A FOSTER CHILD IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S HOME;~~

~~(II) REQUIRE THAT ANY PROSPECTIVE FOSTER PARENT~~

~~(2) AN APPLICANT FOR FOSTER HOME APPROVAL WHOSE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS ARE IN ARREARS WILL BE GIVEN 60 DAYS TO BRING THE OBLIGATION CURRENT BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE WHETHER TO PLACE A FOSTER CHILD IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S HOME APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE APPLICATION, AND~~

~~(III) REQUIRE THAT~~

~~(3) DURING THE TIME AN INDIVIDUAL IS A FOSTER PARENT, IF THE INDIVIDUAL'S CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS ARE IN ARREARS, THE INDIVIDUAL WILL HAVE 30 DAYS TO BRING THE OBLIGATION CURRENT BEFORE ANY DECISION IS MADE WHETHER TO REMOVE A FOSTER CHILD FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S HOME NO ADDITIONAL CHILDREN WILL BE PLACED IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S HOME UNTIL THE OBLIGATION IS BROUGHT CURRENT~~

(1) CONDUCT A BACKGROUND CHECK OF CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES ON AN APPLICANT FOR FOSTER HOME APPROVAL WHO IS ALSO A BIOLOGICAL OR ADOPTIVE PARENT, AND

(2) CONSIDER ANY CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE APPLICATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

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