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We appreciate the opportunity to review and provide comment and support to the proposed rule change.

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Bureau for Children and Families

Public Comments on Proposed Revisions to:
Qualifications for a Provisional License to
Practice as a Social Worker within the
Department of Health and Human
Resources (78 CSR 24)

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