

**STATE OF LOUISIANA
COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND CIRCUIT
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No. 56,812-JWC

STATE OF LOUISIANA

IN THE INTEREST OF

G.S. & S.M.

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On application of State of Louisiana DCFS for SUPERVISORY WRIT AND STAY in No. J-09413 on the docket of the Third Judicial District, Parish of LINCOLN, Judge Thomas Wynn Rogers.

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Before PITMAN, COX, and THOMPSON, JJ.

**WRIT GRANTED AND MADE PEREMPTORY; REVERSED;
REMANDED.**

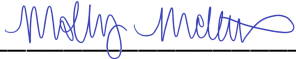
The applicant, the State of Louisiana DCFS, seeks expedited supervisory review of the trial court's ruling ordering "placement of the minor children in the home of Savannah Slaton and Phillip Slaton to begin on November 26, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. and will remain in this placement until November 28, 2025, at 5:00 p.m." This writ is granted and made peremptory. La. Ch. C. art. 672 provides DCFS with the sole authority to determine the specific placements of

children committed to its custody. While the trial court retains the ultimate authority over a child's placement and may approve or reject a case plan submitted by DCFS, it may not revise the plan or make any particular placement itself. *See State ex rel. R.A.*, 06-2380 (La. 12/15/06), 944 So. 2d 1262; *State ex rel. L.C.B.*, 01-2441 (La. 1/15/02), 805 So. 2d 159; *State in the Interest of Z.U.*, 20-26 (La. App. 5 Cir. 5/13/20), 296 So. 3d 1122, *writ denied*, 20-574 (La. 6/10/20), 307 So. 3d 1031. Because DCFS was assigned custody of the children in this case, the trial court exceeded its authority in ordering a specific placement for the children, even if only temporary. Therefore, the trial court's ruling is reversed and this matter is remanded for further proceedings. In addition, the applicant's request for a stay is denied.

Shreveport, Louisiana, this 21 day of November, 2025.

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