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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 13, 2012

FRED'S, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-14565

Tennessee

62-0634010

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

4300 New Getwell Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38118 (Address of principal executive offices)

(901) 365-8880

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

(Former Name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On July 13, 2012, the Board of Directors adopted and approved an amendment to the Fred's, Inc. 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Board of Directors determined that the Plan should remove all references to a "Potential Change in Control."

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1

Amendment No. 1 to the Fred's, Inc. 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan dated July 13, 2012.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FRED'S, INC. (Registrant)

Date: July 16, 2012 By: /s/ Jerry A. Shore

Jerry A. Shore

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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