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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Bradley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Before line 18

insert:

Section 1. Subsection (49) of section 39.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.01 Definitions.—When used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(49) "Parent" means a woman who gives birth to a child and a man whose consent to the adoption of the child would be



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11 required under s. 63.062(1). If a child has been legally
12 adopted, the term "parent" means the adoptive mother or father
13 of the child. ~~The term does not include an individual whose~~
14 ~~parental relationship to the child has been legally terminated,~~
15 ~~or an alleged or prospective parent, unless the parental status~~
16 ~~falls within the terms of s. 39.503(1) or s. 63.062(1).~~ For
17 purposes of this chapter only, when the phrase "parent or legal
18 custodian" is used, it refers to rights or responsibilities of
19 the parent and, only if there is no living parent with intact
20 parental rights, to the rights or responsibilities of the legal
21 custodian who has assumed the role of the parent. A man's
22 acknowledgement of paternity of the child does not limit the
23 period of time considered in determining whether the child was
24 abandoned within the meaning of subsection (1). The term does
25 not include an individual whose parental relationship to the
26 child has been legally terminated, or an alleged or prospective
27 parent, unless:

28 (a) The parental status falls within the terms of s.
29 39.503(1) or s. 63.062(1); or

30 (b) Parental status is applied for the purpose of
31 determining whether the child has been abandoned.

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33 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete line 2

36 and insert:

37 An act relating to adoption; amending s. 39.01, F.S.;

38 redefining the term "parent"; amending s. 63.082,

39 F.S.;