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The Committee on Child & Family Security offered the following:

**Substitute Amendment for Amendment (155399)**

On page 2, lines 4-11,  
remove: all of said lines

and insert:

39.5085 Relative Caregiver Program.--

(2)(a) The Department of Children and Family Services shall establish and operate the Relative Caregiver Program pursuant to eligibility guidelines established in this section as further implemented by rule of the department. The Relative Caregiver Program shall, within the limits of available funding, provide financial assistance to:

1. Relatives who are within the fifth degree by blood or marriage to the parent or stepparent of a child and who are caring full-time for that dependent child in the role of substitute parent as a result of a court's determination of child abuse, neglect, or abandonment and subsequent placement with the relative pursuant to this chapter.

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1           2. Relatives who are within the fifth degree by blood  
2 or marriage to the parent or stepparent of a child and who are  
3 caring full-time for that dependent child, and a dependent  
4 half-brother or half-sister of that dependent child, in the  
5 role of substitute parent as a result of a court's  
6 determination of child abuse, neglect, or abandonment and  
7 subsequent placement with the relative pursuant to this  
8 chapter.

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10 Such placement may be either court-ordered temporary legal  
11 custody to the relative under protective supervision of the  
12 department pursuant to s. 39.521(1)(b)3., or court-ordered  
13 placement in the home of a relative as a permanency option  
14 pursuant to s. 39.622. The Relative Caregiver Program shall  
15 offer financial assistance to caregivers who are relatives and  
16 who would be unable to serve in that capacity without the  
17 relative caregiver payment because of financial burden, thus  
18 exposing the child to the trauma of placement in a shelter or  
19 in foster care.

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