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The Committee on Children and Families (Rich) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (n) is added to subsection (1) of section 39.001, Florida Statutes, to read:

39.001 Purposes and intent; personnel standards and screening.--

(1) PURPOSES OF CHAPTER.--The purposes of this chapter are:

(n) To provide all children and families with a fully integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that involve children and families and a resolution of family disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of this state embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not cause additional emotional harm to the children and families who are required to interact with the judicial system. It is

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1 the intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
2 unified family court and to support the state courts system's
3 efforts to improve the resolution of disputes involving
4 children and families through a fully integrated,
5 comprehensive approach that includes coordinated case
6 management; the concept of "one family, one judge";
7 collaboration with the community for referral to needed
8 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution. The
9 Legislature supports the goal that the legal system should
10 focus on the needs of children who are involved in the
11 litigation, refer families to resources that will make
12 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases
13 to provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
14 better condition than when the families entered the system.

15 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of
16 section 61.001, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 61.001 Purpose of chapter.--

18 (2) Its purposes are:

19 (d) To provide all children and families with a fully
20 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
21 involve children and families and a resolution of family
22 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
23 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
24 this state embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not
25 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families
26 who are required to interact with the judicial system. It is
27 the intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
28 unified family court and to support the state courts system's
29 efforts to improve the resolution of disputes involving
30 children and families through a fully integrated,
31 comprehensive approach that includes coordinated case

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 2 collaboration with the community for referral to needed
 3 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution. The
 4 Legislature supports the goal that the legal system should
 5 focus on the needs of children who are involved in the
 6 litigation, refer families to resources that will make
 7 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases
 8 to provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
 9 better condition than when the families entered the system.

10 Section 3. Subsection (6) is added to section 63.022,
 11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 63.022 Legislative intent.--

13 (6) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide all
 14 children and families with a fully integrated, comprehensive
 15 approach to handling all cases that involve children and
 16 families and a resolution of family disputes in a fair,
 17 timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner. It is the intent
 18 of the Legislature that the courts of this state embrace
 19 methods of resolving disputes that do not cause additional
 20 emotional harm to the children and families who are required
 21 to interact with the judicial system. It is the intent of the
 22 Legislature to support the development of a unified family
 23 court and to support the state courts system's efforts to
 24 improve the resolution of disputes involving children and
 25 families through a fully integrated, comprehensive approach
 26 that includes coordinated case management; the concept of "one
 27 family, one judge"; collaboration with the community for
 28 referral to needed services; and methods of alternative
 29 dispute resolution. The Legislature supports the goal that the
 30 legal system should focus on the needs of children who are
 31 involved in the litigation, refer families to resources that

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1 will make families' relationships stronger, coordinate
 2 families' cases to provide consistent results, and strive to
 3 leave families in better condition than when the families
 4 entered the system.

5 Section 4. Subsection (9) is added to section 68.07,
 6 Florida Statutes, to read:

7 68.07 Change of name.--

8 (9) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide all
 9 children and families with a fully integrated, comprehensive
 10 approach to handling all cases that involve children and
 11 families and a resolution of family disputes in a fair,
 12 timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner. It is the intent
 13 of the Legislature that the courts of this state embrace
 14 methods of resolving disputes that do not cause additional
 15 emotional harm to the children and families who are required
 16 to interact with the judicial system. It is the intent of the
 17 Legislature to support the development of a unified family
 18 court and to support the state courts system's efforts to
 19 improve the resolution of disputes involving children and
 20 families through a fully integrated, comprehensive approach
 21 that includes coordinated case management; the concept of "one
 22 family, one judge"; collaboration with the community for
 23 referral to needed services; and methods of alternative
 24 dispute resolution. The Legislature supports the goal that the
 25 legal system should focus on the needs of children who are
 26 involved in the litigation, refer families to resources that
 27 will make families' relationships stronger, coordinate
 28 families' cases to provide consistent results, and strive to
 29 leave families in better condition than when the families
 30 entered the system.

31 Section 5. Section 88.1041, Florida Statutes, is

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1 created to read:

2 88.1041 Legislative intent.--It is the intent of the
3 Legislature to provide all children and families with a fully
4 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
5 involve children and families and a resolution of family
6 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
7 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
8 this state embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not
9 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families
10 who are required to interact with the judicial system. It is
11 the intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
12 unified family court and to support the state courts system's
13 efforts to improve the resolution of disputes involving
14 children and families through a fully integrated,
15 comprehensive approach that includes coordinated case
16 management; the concept of "one family, one judge";
17 collaboration with the community for referral to needed
18 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution. The
19 Legislature supports the goal that the legal system should
20 focus on the needs of children who are involved in the
21 litigation, refer families to resources that will make
22 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases
23 to provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
24 better condition than when the families entered the system.

25 Section 6. Subsection (3) is added to section
26 741.2902, Florida Statutes, to read:

27 741.2902 Domestic violence; legislative intent with
28 respect to judiciary's role.--

29 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide all
30 children and families with a fully integrated, comprehensive
31 approach to handling all cases that involve children and

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1 families and a resolution of family disputes in a fair,
2 timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner. It is the intent
3 of the Legislature that the courts of this state embrace
4 methods of resolving disputes that do not cause additional
5 emotional harm to the children and families who are required
6 to interact with the judicial system. It is the intent of the
7 Legislature to support the development of a unified family
8 court and to support the state courts system's efforts to
9 improve the resolution of disputes involving children and
10 families through a fully integrated, comprehensive approach
11 that includes coordinated case management; the concept of "one
12 family, one judge"; collaboration with the community for
13 referral to needed services; and methods of alternative
14 dispute resolution. The Legislature supports the goal that the
15 legal system should focus on the needs of children who are
16 involved in the litigation, refer families to resources that
17 will make families' relationships stronger, coordinate
18 families' cases to provide consistent results, and strive to
19 leave families in better condition than when the families
20 entered the system.

21 Section 7. Section 742.016, Florida Statutes, is
22 created to read:

23 742.016 Legislative intent.--It is the intent of the
24 Legislature to provide all children and families with a fully
25 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
26 involve children and families and a resolution of family
27 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
28 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
29 this state embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not
30 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families
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1 the intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
2 unified family court and to support the state courts system's
3 efforts to improve the resolution of disputes involving
4 children and families through a fully integrated,
5 comprehensive approach that includes coordinated case
6 management; the concept of "one family, one judge";
7 collaboration with the community for referral to needed
8 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution. The
9 Legislature supports the goal that the legal system should
10 focus on the needs of children who are involved in the
11 litigation, refer families to resources that will make
12 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases
13 to provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
14 better condition than when the families entered the system.

15 Section 8. Section 743.001, Florida Statutes, is
16 created to read:

17 743.001 Legislative intent.--It is the intent of the
18 Legislature to provide all children and families with a fully
19 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
20 involve children and families and a resolution of family
21 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
22 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
23 this state embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not
24 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families
25 who are required to interact with the judicial system. It is
26 the intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
27 unified family court and to support the state courts system's
28 efforts to improve the resolution of disputes involving
29 children and families through a fully integrated,
30 comprehensive approach that includes coordinated case
31 management; the concept of "one family, one judge";

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1 collaboration with the community for referral to needed
 2 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution. The
 3 Legislature supports the goal that the legal system should
 4 focus on the needs of children who are involved in the
 5 litigation, refer families to resources that will make
 6 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases
 7 to provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
 8 better condition than when the families entered the system.

9 Section 9. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of
 10 section 984.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

11 984.01 Purposes and intent; personnel standards and
 12 screening.--

13 (1) The purposes of this chapter are:

14 (g) To provide all children and families with a fully
 15 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
 16 involve children and families and a resolution of family
 17 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
 18 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
 19 this state embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not
 20 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families
 21 who are required to interact with the judicial system. It is
 22 the intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
 23 unified family court and to support the state courts system's
 24 efforts to improve the resolution of disputes involving
 25 children and families through a fully integrated,
 26 comprehensive approach that includes coordinated case
 27 management; the concept of "one family, one judge";
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 29 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution. The
 30 Legislature supports the goal that the legal system should
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1 litigation, refer families to resources that will make
 2 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases
 3 to provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
 4 better condition than when the families entered the system.

5 Section 10. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (1)
 6 of section 985.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

7 985.02 Legislative intent for the juvenile justice
 8 system.--

9 (1) GENERAL PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN.--It is a purpose
 10 of the Legislature that the children of this state be provided
 11 with the following protections:

12 (j) A fully integrated, comprehensive approach to
 13 handling all cases that involve children and families and a
 14 resolution of family disputes in a fair, timely, efficient,
 15 and cost-effective manner. It is the intent of the Legislature
 16 that the courts of this state embrace methods of resolving
 17 disputes that do not cause additional emotional harm to the
 18 children and families who are required to interact with the
 19 judicial system. It is the intent of the Legislature to
 20 support the development of a unified family court and to
 21 support the state courts system's efforts to improve the
 22 resolution of disputes involving children and families through
 23 a fully integrated, comprehensive approach that includes
 24 coordinated case management; the concept of "one family, one
 25 judge"; collaboration with the community for referral to
 26 needed services; and methods of alternative dispute
 27 resolution. The Legislature supports the goal that the legal
 28 system should focus on the needs of children who are involved
 29 in the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
 30 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases
 31 to provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in

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1 better condition than when the families entered the system.

2 Section 11. Section 1003.20, Florida Statutes, is
3 created to read:

4 1003.20 Legislative intent.--It is the intent of the
5 Legislature to provide all children and families with a fully
6 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
7 involve children and families and a resolution of family
8 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
9 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
10 this state embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not
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12 who are required to interact with the judicial system. It is
13 the intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
14 unified family court and to support the state courts system's
15 efforts to improve the resolution of disputes involving
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18 management; the concept of "one family, one judge";
19 collaboration with the community for referral to needed
20 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution. The
21 Legislature supports the goal that the legal system should
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23 litigation, refer families to resources that will make
24 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases
25 to provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
26 better condition than when the families entered the system.

27 Section 12. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

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1 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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3 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to court actions involving

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families; amending ss. 39.001, 61.001, 63.022,

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68.07, 741.2902, 984.01, and 985.02, F.S., and

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creating ss. 88.1041, 742.016, 743.001, and

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1003.20, F.S.; providing additional purposes

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relating to implementing a unified family court

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program in the circuit courts; providing

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legislative intent; providing an effective

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date.

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