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CHAMBER ACTION

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1 Representative(s) Planas offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (855553) (with title amendment)**

4 Between line(s) 4 and 5, insert:

5 Section 1. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (1) of  
6 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 of  
10 the Legislature that the children of this state be provided with  
11 the following protections:

12 (j) A fully integrated, comprehensive approach to handling  
13 all cases that involve children and families and a resolution of  
14 family disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective  
15 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of  
16 this state embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not  
17 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families who

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18 are required to interact with the judicial system. It is the  
19 intent of the Legislature to support the development of a  
20 unified family court and to support the state courts system's  
21 efforts to improve the resolution of disputes involving children  
22 and families through a fully integrated, comprehensive approach  
23 that includes coordinated case management; the concept of "one  
24 family, one judge"; collaboration with the community for  
25 referral to needed services; and methods of alternative dispute  
26 resolution. The Legislature supports the goal that the legal  
27 system should focus on the needs of children who are involved in  
28 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make  
29 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases,  
30 including all delinquency and dependency proceedings, to provide  
31 consistent results, and strive to leave families in better  
32 condition than when the families entered the system.

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36 Remove line(s) 768 and insert:

37 An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 985.02, F.S.;

38 providing additional purposes relating to implementing a unified

39 family court program in the circuit courts; providing

40 legislative intent; amending s. 985.207, F.S.;

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