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Senate

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1 Representative(s) Planas offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Amendment (855553) (with directory and title**
4 **amendments)**

5 Between lines 4 and 5, insert:

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

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

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

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

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18 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families who
19 are required to interact with the judicial system. It is the
20 intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
21 unified family court and to support the state courts system's
22 efforts to improve the resolution of disputes involving children
23 and families through a fully integrated, comprehensive approach
24 that includes coordinated case management; the concept of "one
25 family, one judge"; collaboration with the community for
26 referral to 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 in
29 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
30 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases to
31 provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
32 better 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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