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

Senate Amendment

On page 10, line 8, through
page 12, line 18, delete those lines

and insert:

(7)(6) "Child" has the same meaning as in s. 39.01
~~means a son or daughter, whether by birth or adoption.~~

(8)(7) "Court" means any circuit court of this state
and, when the context requires, the court of any state that is
empowered to grant petitions for adoption.

(9)(8) "Department" means the Department of Children
and Family Services.

(10)(9) "Intermediary" means an attorney who is
licensed or authorized to practice in this state and who is
placing or intends to place a child for adoption, including
placing children born in another state with citizens of this
state or country or placing children born in this state with
citizens of another state or country.

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1 (11) "Legal custodian" means the person or entity in
2 whom the legal right to custody is vested.

3 ~~(12)(10)~~ "Legal custody" means a legal status created
4 by court order or letter of guardianship that vests in a
5 custodian or guardian of the child, whether an agency or an
6 individual, the right to have physical custody of the child
7 and the right and duty to protect, train, and discipline the
8 child and to provide him or her with food, shelter, education,
9 and ordinary medical, dental, psychiatric, and psychological
10 care has the meaning ascribed in s. 39.01.

11 ~~(11)~~ "Minor" means a person under the age of 18 years.

12 ~~(13)(12)~~ "Parent" means a woman who gives birth to a
13 child or a man whose consent to the adoption of the child
14 would be required under s. 63.062(1). If a child has been
15 legally adopted, the term "parent" means the adoptive mother
16 or father of the child. The term does not include an
17 individual whose parental relationship to the child has been
18 legally terminated or an alleged or prospective father has the
19 same meaning ascribed in s. 39.01.

20 ~~(13)~~ "Person" includes a natural person, corporation,
21 government or governmental subdivision or agency, business
22 trust, estate, trust, partnership, or association, and any
23 other legal entity.

24 ~~(14)(15)~~ "Placement" or "to place" means the process
25 of a parent or legal guardian surrendering a child for
26 adoption and the prospective adoptive parents receiving and
27 adopting the child, and includes all actions by any person or
28 adoption entity participating in the process.

29 (15) "Primarily lives and works in Florida" means that
30 a person lives and works in this state at least 6 months and 1
31 day of the year, is a member of military personnel who

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1 designates Florida as his or her place of residence in
 2 accordance with the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Pub. L.
 3 No. 108-189, or is a citizen of the United States living in a
 4 foreign country who designates Florida as his or her place of
 5 residence.

6 ~~(16)~~ "Placement" means the process of a parent or
 7 legal guardian surrendering a child for adoption and the
 8 prospective adoptive parents receiving and adopting the child
 9 and all actions by any adoption entity participating in
 10 placing the child.

11 ~~(16)~~~~(17)~~ "Primarily lives and works outside Florida"
 12 means that a person ~~who~~ lives and works outside this state at
 13 least 6 months and 1 day of the year, is a member of military
 14 personnel who designates a state other than ~~designate~~ Florida
 15 as his or her ~~their~~ place of residence in accordance with the
 16 Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, Pub. L. No. 108-189 ~~Soldiers'~~
 17 ~~and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, or is a citizen~~
 18 ~~employees~~ of the United States ~~Department of State~~ living in a
 19 foreign country who designates ~~designate~~ a state other than
 20 Florida as his or her ~~their~~ place of residence.

21 ~~(17)~~~~(14)~~ "Relative" means a person related by blood
 22 within the third degree of consanguinity, by adoption, or by
 23 marriage to the person being adopted ~~within the third degree~~
 24 ~~of consanguinity.~~

25 (18) "Suitability of the intended placement" includes
 26 the fitness of the intended placement, with primary
 27 consideration being given to the best interest of the child.

28 (19) "Unmarried biological father" means the
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