

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House Comm: RCS 2/20/2008

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Margolis) recommended the following substitute for amendment (779552):

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Between line(s) 527 and 528

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Section 11. Subsection (7) of section 39.507, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.507 Adjudicatory hearings; orders of adjudication .--

(7) (a) For as long as a court maintains jurisdiction over a dependency case, only one order adjudicating each child in the case dependent shall be entered. This order will establish the legal status of the child for purposes of proceedings under this



chapter and may be based on the conduct of one parent, both parents, or a legal custodian.

- (b) Upon a properly noticed motion, a subsequent evidentiary hearing may be held regarding the conduct of one parent, both parents, or a custodian. With court approval, supplemental findings made beyond a preponderance of the evidence may be entered. The child's dependency status shall not be retried or readjudicated.
- (c) If a court adjudicates a child dependent and the child is in out-of-home care, the court shall inquire of the parent or parents whether the parents have relatives who might be considered as a placement for the child. The court shall advise the parents that, if the parents fail to substantially comply with the case plan, their parental rights may be terminated and that the child's out-of-home placement may become permanent. The parent or parents shall provide to the court and all parties identification and location information of the relatives.

(Renumber subsequent sections)

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And the title is amended as follows:

On line 34 after the semicolon insert:

> amending s. 39.507, F.S.; limiting a court to one order adjudicating dependency; providing for supplemental findings;