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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
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1 The Committee on Health and Human Services Appropriations (Gaetz)  
2 recommended the following **amendment**:

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between line(s) 653 and 654,  
6 insert:

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8 Section 14. Subsection (6) of section 39.621, Florida  
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 39.621 Permanency determination by the court.--

11 (6) If a child will not be reunited with a parent,  
12 adoption, under chapter 63, is the primary permanency option. If  
13 the child is a sibling of a previously adopted child and the  
14 child becomes available for adoption, the adoptive parent of the  
15 previously placed sibling shall be offered the opportunity to  
16 apply to adopt the child and the adoptive parent's application  
17 shall be given the same consideration as a relative's application



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18 | for adoption. If the child is placed with a relative or with a  
19 | relative of the child's half-brother or half-sister as a  
20 | permanency option, the court may recognize the permanency of this  
21 | placement without requiring the relative to adopt the child. If  
22 | the court approves a permanency goal of permanent guardianship of  
23 | a dependent child, placement with a fit and willing relative, or  
24 | another planned permanent living arrangement, the court shall  
25 | make findings as to why this permanent placement is established  
26 | without adoption of the child to follow. If the court approves a  
27 | permanency goal of another planned permanent living arrangement,  
28 | the court shall document the compelling reasons for choosing this  
29 | goal.  
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32 | And the title is amended as follows:

33 |       On line(s) 42, after the second semicolon,  
34 | insert:

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36 |       amending s. 39.621, F.S.; requiring that an adoptive  
37 | parent of a child's sibling be given the opportunity to  
38 | apply to adopt such child if the child is available for  
39 | adoption; requiring that such application be given the  
40 | same consideration as a relative's application for  
41 | adoption;