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1 Representative Galvano offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 766 and 767, insert:

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

7 39.621 Permanency determination by the court.--

8 (6) If a child will not be reunited with a parent,  
9 adoption, under chapter 63, is the primary permanency option. If  
10 the child is a sibling of a previously adopted child and the  
11 child becomes available for adoption, the adoptive parent of the  
12 previously placed sibling shall be offered the opportunity to  
13 apply to adopt the child and the adoptive parent's application  
14 shall be given the same consideration as a relative's  
15 application for adoption. If the child is placed with a relative  
16 or with a relative of the child's half-brother or half-sister as  
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17 a permanency option, the court may recognize the permanency of  
18 this placement without requiring the relative to adopt the  
19 child. If the court approves a permanency goal of permanent  
20 guardianship of a dependent child, placement with a fit and  
21 willing relative, or another planned permanent living  
22 arrangement, the court shall make findings as to why this  
23 permanent placement is established without adoption of the child  
24 to follow. If the court approves a permanency goal of another  
25 planned permanent living arrangement, the court shall document  
26 the compelling reasons for choosing this goal.

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30 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

31 Remove line 52 and insert:  
32 proceedings; correcting cross-references; amending s. 39.621,  
33 F.S.; requiring that an adoptive parent of a child's sibling be  
34 given the opportunity to apply to adopt such child if the child  
35 is available for adoption; requiring that such application be  
36 given the same consideration as a relative's application for  
37 adoption; amending s.