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1 Representative Galvano offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 795 and 796, 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 priority consideration if it is in the best
15 interest of the child. If the child is placed with a relative or
16 with a relative of the child's half-brother or half-sister as a
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17 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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31 Remove line 55 and insert:

32 39.621, F.S.; requiring that an adoptive parent of a child's
33 sibling be given the opportunity to apply to adopt such child if
34 the child is available for adoption; requiring that such
35 application be given priority consideration if it is in the best
36 interest of the child; amending s. 39.701, F.S.; requiring that
37 notice of a judicial review