

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Planas offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

5 Section 1. Paragraph (o) is added to subsection (1) of
6 section 39.001, Florida Statutes, to read:

7 39.001 Purposes and intent; personnel standards and
8 screening.--

9 (1) PURPOSES OF CHAPTER.--The purposes of this chapter
10 are:

11 (o) To provide all children and families with a fully
12 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
13 involve children and families and a resolution of family
14 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
15 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
16 this state, within existing resources, embrace methods of

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17 resolving disputes which do not cause additional emotional harm
18 to the children and families who are required to interact with
19 the judicial system. It is the intent of the Legislature to
20 support the development of a unified family court and to support
21 the efforts of the state court system to improve the resolution
22 of disputes involving children and families through a fully
23 integrated, comprehensive approach that includes coordinated
24 case management; the concept of "one family, one judge";
25 collaboration with the community for referral to needed
26 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution within
27 existing resources. The Legislature supports the goal that the
28 legal system focus on the needs of children who are involved in
29 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
30 family relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases to
31 provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
32 better condition than when the families entered the system.

33 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 61.001, Florida
34 Statutes, is amended to read:

35 61.001 Purpose of chapter.--

36 (2) Its purposes are:

37 (a) To preserve the integrity of marriage and to safeguard
38 meaningful family relationships;

39 (b) To promote the amicable settlement of disputes that
40 arise between parties to a marriage; ~~and~~

41 (c) To mitigate the potential harm to the spouses and
42 their children caused by the process of legal dissolution of
43 marriage; and

44 (d) To provide all children and families with a fully

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46 involve children and families and a resolution of family
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48 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
49 this state, within existing resources, embrace methods of
50 resolving disputes that do not cause additional emotional harm
51 to the children and families who are required to interact with
52 the judicial system. It is the intent of the Legislature to
53 support the development of a unified family court and to support
54 the efforts of the state court system to improve the resolution
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59 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution within
60 existing resources. The Legislature supports the goal that the
61 legal system focus on the needs of children who are involved in
62 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
63 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases to
64 provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
65 better condition than when the families entered the system.

66 Section 3. Subsection (6) is added to section 63.022,
67 Florida Statutes, to read:

68 63.022 Legislative intent.--

69 (6) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide all
70 children and families with a fully integrated, comprehensive
71 approach to handling all cases that involve children and
72 families and a resolution of family disputes in a fair, timely,

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73 efficient, and cost-effective manner. It is the intent of the
74 Legislature that the courts of this state, within existing
75 resources, embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not
76 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families who
77 are required to interact with the judicial system. It is the
78 intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
79 unified family court and to support the efforts of the state
80 court system to improve the resolution of disputes involving
81 children and families through a fully integrated, comprehensive
82 approach that includes coordinated case management; the concept
83 of "one family, one judge"; collaboration with the community for
84 referral to needed services; and methods of alternative dispute
85 resolution within existing resources. The Legislature supports
86 the goal that the legal system focus on the needs of children
87 who are involved in the litigation, refer families to resources
88 that will make families' relationships stronger, coordinate
89 families' cases to provide consistent results, and strive to
90 leave families in better condition than when the families
91 entered the system.

92 Section 4. Subsection (9) is added to section 68.07,
93 Florida Statutes, to read:

94 68.07 Change of name.--

95 (9) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide all
96 children and families with a fully integrated, comprehensive
97 approach to handling all cases that involve children and
98 families and a resolution of family disputes in a fair, timely,
99 efficient, and cost-effective manner. It is the intent of the
100 Legislature that the courts of this state, within existing

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101 resources, embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not
102 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families who
103 are required to interact with the judicial system. It is the
104 intent of the Legislature to support the development of a
105 unified family court and to support the efforts of the state
106 court system to improve the resolution of disputes involving
107 children and families through a fully integrated, comprehensive
108 approach that includes coordinated case management; the concept
109 of "one family, one judge"; collaboration with the community for
110 referral to needed services; and methods of alternative dispute
111 resolution within existing resources. The Legislature supports
112 the goal that the legal system focus on the needs of children
113 who are involved in the litigation, refer families to resources
114 that will make families' relationships stronger, coordinate
115 families' cases to provide consistent results, and strive to
116 leave families in better condition than when the families
117 entered the system.

118 Section 5. Section 88.1041, Florida Statutes, is created
119 to read:

120 88.1041 Legislative intent.--It is the intent of the
121 Legislature to provide all children and families with a fully
122 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
123 involve children and families and a resolution of family
124 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
125 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
126 this state within existing resources, embrace methods of
127 resolving disputes that do not cause additional emotional harm
128 to the children and families who are required to interact with

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129 the judicial system. It is the intent of the Legislature to
130 support the development of a unified family court and to support
131 the efforts of the state court system to improve the resolution
132 of disputes involving children and families through a fully
133 integrated, comprehensive approach that includes coordinated
134 case management; the concept of "one family, one judge";
135 collaboration with the community for referral to needed
136 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution within
137 existing resources. The Legislature supports the goal that the
138 legal system focus on the needs of children who are involved in
139 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
140 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases to
141 provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
142 better condition than when the families entered the system.

143 Section 6. Subsection (3) is added to section 741.2902,
144 Florida Statutes, to read:

145 741.2902 Domestic violence; legislative intent with
146 respect to judiciary's role.--

147 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide all
148 children and families with a fully integrated, comprehensive
149 approach to handling all cases that involve children and
150 families and a resolution of family disputes in a fair, timely,
151 efficient, and cost-effective manner. It is the intent of the
152 Legislature that the courts of this state, within existing
153 resources, embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not
154 cause additional emotional harm to the children and families who
155 are required to interact with the judicial system as long as
156 such methods do not conflict with the legislative intent

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157 expressed in subsections (1) and (2). It is the intent of the
158 Legislature to support the development of a unified family court
159 and to support the efforts of the state courts system to improve
160 the resolution of disputes involving children and families
161 through a fully integrated, comprehensive approach that includes
162 coordinated case management; the concept of "one family, one
163 judge"; collaboration with the community for referral to needed
164 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution within
165 existing resources. Case management or alternative dispute
166 resolution processes must comply with existing laws and court
167 rules governing the use of mediation, case management, and
168 alternative dispute resolution in cases involving injunctions
169 for protection brought under this chapter. The Legislature
170 supports the goal that the legal system focus on the needs of
171 children who are involved in the litigation, refer families to
172 resources that will make families' relationships stronger,
173 coordinate families' cases to provide consistent results, and
174 strive to leave families in better condition than when the
175 families entered the system.

176 Section 6. Section 742.016, Florida Statutes, is
177 created to read:

178 742.016 Legislative intent.--It is the intent of the
179 Legislature to provide all children and families with a fully
180 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
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182 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
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197 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
198 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases to
199 provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
200 better condition than when the families entered the system.

201 Section 7. Section 743.001, Florida Statutes, is created
202 to read:

203 743.001 Legislative intent.--It is the intent of the
204 Legislature to provide all children and families with a fully
205 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
206 involve children and families and a resolution of family
207 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
208 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
209 this state, within existing resources, embrace methods of
210 resolving disputes that do not cause additional emotional harm
211 to the children and families who are required to interact with
212 the judicial system. It is the intent of the Legislature to

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222 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
223 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases to
224 provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
225 better condition than when the families entered the system.

226 Section 8. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (1) of
227 section 984.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

228 984.01 Purposes and intent; personnel standards and
229 screening.--

230 (1) The purposes of this chapter are:

231 (g) To provide all children and families with a fully
232 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
233 involve children and families and a resolution of family
234 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
235 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
236 this state, within existing resources, embrace methods of
237 resolving disputes that do not cause additional emotional harm
238 to the children and families who are required to interact with
239 the judicial system. It is the intent of the Legislature to
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246 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution within
247 existing resources. The Legislature supports the goal that the
248 legal system focus on the needs of children who are involved in
249 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
250 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases to
251 provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
252 better condition than when the families entered the system.

253 Section 9. Paragraph (j) is added to subsection (1) of
254 section 985.02, Florida Statutes, to read:

255 985.02 Legislative intent for the juvenile justice
256 system.--

257 (1) GENERAL PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN.--It is a purpose of
258 the Legislature that the children of this state be provided with
259 the following protections:

260 (j) A fully integrated, comprehensive approach to handling
261 all cases that involve children and families and a resolution of
262 family disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
263 manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of
264 this state, within existing resources, embrace methods of
265 resolving disputes that do not cause additional emotional harm
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274 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution within
275 existing resources. The Legislature supports the goal that the
276 legal system focus on the needs of children who are involved in
277 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
278 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases to
279 provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
280 better condition than when the families entered the system. This
281 section may not be construed to contravene legislative intent
282 provided in this chapter relating to protecting the public from
283 acts of delinquency, ensuring that juveniles found to have
284 committed a delinquent act understand the consequences and
285 serious nature of such behavior, and transferring juveniles from
286 the juvenile justice system to the adult system as provided in
287 this chapter.

288 Section 10. Section 1003.201, Florida Statutes, is created
289 to read:

290 1003.201 Legislative intent.--It is the intent of the
291 Legislature to provide all children and families with a fully
292 integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that
293 involve children and families and a resolution of family
294 disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective
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309 the litigation, refer families to resources that will make
310 families' relationships stronger, coordinate families' cases to
311 provide consistent results, and strive to leave families in
312 better condition than when the families entered the system.

313 Section 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
314 law.

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

321 Remove the entire title and insert:

322 A bill to be entitled

323 An act relating to court actions involving families; amending
324 ss. 39.001, 61.001, 63.022, 68.07, 741.2902, 984.01, and 985.02,
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325 F.S., and creating ss. 88.1041, 742.016, 743.001, and 1003.201,
326 F.S.; providing additional purposes relating to implementing a
327 unified family court program in the circuit courts; providing
328 legislative intent; providing an effective date.

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