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Senator Storms moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 323 and 324

insert:

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

39.001 Purposes and intent; personnel standards and screening.—

(1) PURPOSES OF CHAPTER.—The purposes of this chapter are:

(o) To provide all children and families with a fully integrated, comprehensive approach to handling all cases that



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

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35 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

36 And the title is amended as follows:

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38 Delete line 49

39 and insert:

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41 provision; amending ss. 20.195, 39.001, 39.01,  
42 39.0121,