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Representative Planas offered the following:

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 involve children and families and a resolution of family disputes in a fair, timely, efficient, and cost-effective manner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the courts of this state embrace methods of resolving disputes that do not cause additional emotional harm to the children and families who

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17 are required to interact with the judicial system. It is the
18 further intent of the Legislature to support the development of
19 a unified family court in a revenue-neutral manner and to
20 support the efforts of the state courts system to improve the
21 resolution of disputes involving children and families through a
22 fully integrated, comprehensive approach that includes
23 coordinated case management; the concept of "one family, one
24 judge"; collaboration with the community for referral to needed
25 services; and methods of alternative dispute resolution. The
26 Legislature supports the goal that the legal system focus on the
27 needs of children who are involved in the litigation, refer
28 families to resources that will make families' relationships
29 stronger, coordinate families' cases to provide consistent
30 results, and strive to leave families in better condition than
31 when the families entered the system.

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

35 Remove line 22 and insert:
36 to service area boundaries; amending s. 39.001, F.S.;
37 providing legislative intent to support the development
38 of a unified family court in a revenue-neutral manner;
39 amending s. 394.47865,