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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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04/21/2014	.	
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The Committee on Appropriations (Hays) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 2037 and 2038

insert:

Section 19. Paragraphs (f) and (h) of subsection (1) of section 39.806, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

39.806 Grounds for termination of parental rights.—

(1) Grounds for the termination of parental rights may be established under any of the following circumstances:

(f) The parent or parents engaged in egregious conduct or



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11 had the opportunity and capability to prevent and knowingly
12 failed to prevent egregious conduct that threatens the life,
13 safety, or physical, mental, or emotional health of the child or
14 the child's sibling. Proof of a nexus between egregious conduct
15 to a child and the potential harm to the child's sibling is not
16 required.

17 1. As used in this subsection, the term "sibling" means
18 another child who resides with or is cared for by the parent or
19 parents regardless of whether the child is related legally or by
20 consanguinity.

21 2. As used in this subsection, the term "egregious conduct"
22 means abuse, abandonment, neglect, or any other conduct that is
23 deplorable, flagrant, or outrageous by a normal standard of
24 conduct. Egregious conduct may include an act or omission that
25 occurred only once but was of such intensity, magnitude, or
26 severity as to endanger the life of the child.

27 (h) The parent or parents have committed the murder,
28 manslaughter, aiding or abetting the murder, or conspiracy or
29 solicitation to murder the other parent or another child, or a
30 felony battery that resulted in serious bodily injury to the
31 child or to another child. Proof of a nexus between the murder,
32 manslaughter, aiding or abetting the murder, or conspiracy or
33 solicitation to murder the other parent or another child, or a
34 felony battery to a child and the potential harm to a child or
35 another child is not required.

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

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Between lines 83 and 84



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40 insert:
41 amending s. 39.806, F.S.; revising grounds for
42 termination of parental rights;