Amendment No.

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Representative Horner offered the following:

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Amendment to Amendment (335249) by Representative Adkins (with title amendment)

Between lines 1335 and 1336 of the amendment, insert: Section 20. Subsection (7) of s. 63.097, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

63.097 Fees.-

- (7) In determining reasonable attorney fees, courts shall utilize the following criteria:
- (a) The time and labor required, the novelty and difficulty of the question involved, and the skill requisite to perform the legal service properly;
- (b) The likelihood, if apparent to the client, that the acceptance of the particular employment will preclude other employment by the attorney;

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_	(C)	The	fee	customarily	charged	in	the	locality	for
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- (d) The amount involved in the subject matter of the representation, the responsibility involved in the representation, and the results obtained;
- The time limitations imposed by the client or by the circumstances and, as between attorney and client, any additional or special time demands or requests of the attorney by the client;
- The nature and length of the professional relationship with the client;
- (q) The experience, reputation, diligence, and ability of the attorney or attorneys performing the service and the skill, expertise, or efficiency of effort reflected in the actual providing of such services; and
 - (h) Whether the fee is fixed or contingent.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 1647 of the amendment and insert: Subject of the study; amending s. 63.097, F.S.; providing guidelines for a court considering a reasonable fee associated with adoption services; amending s. 63.152, F.S.; authorizing an