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Abstract: Provides relative to the adoption of siblings in the foster care system.

Present law provides for private, agency, and intrafamily adoptions.

<u>Present law</u> establishes the "Louisiana Has Faith in Families Act" which purpose is to facilitate the recruitment of new families for children and to provide for incentives for those children who have been adopted.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that in furtherance of the legislative findings and purpose of the Louisiana Has Faith in Families Act, all biological siblings under the age of twelve of a child being adopted shall be adopted by the same adoptive parents and placed in the same adoptive home.

Provides that the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> are applicable to cases where the siblings have been placed together with the same foster family, and each sibling would otherwise qualify for continuing post-adoption contact pursuant to present law (Ch.C. Art. 1269.2).

(Adds Ch.C. Art. 1279.8)