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regulations under the bill. Current law relating to ADC Transitional Care Program is deleted. The committee amendment allows, but doesn't require, the state to provide work-related child care assistance to families with incomes up to 185 percent of poverty level. It limits the receipt of such assistance to 24 months. Currently, ADC receipts, that is a lifetime aggregate limit, not a consecutive 24 months. It requires the department to consider the assets of the recipient family to determine the amount of the assistance. That, I think, should bring the body up to date as to what LB 1407 and what the committee amendment does, and be glad to answer any questions. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, AM2861 I have in front of me, AM2861. (AM2861, Legislative Journal page 1078.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, members of the Legislature, the amendment does a very simple thing. On line 3 of page 1 of the amendment it says, under the current language, the state may provide assistance for up to 24 months to reimburse for child care. My amendment changes "may" to "shall"; the state shall provide assistance up to 24 months under the following conditions that are outlined in the bill. That's the only thing it changes and the reason that I'm doing that is because I think that is what the current policy of the state is, and I would invite Senator Jensen to elaborate on that. I think changing it to "shall" brings it into line with the language down...the existing current language down on line 14, page 2, which says, "When no longer eligible to receive cash assistance, assistance shall be available to reimburse work-related child care." So, depending on what the intent of the committee was, this is either a technical amendment, which I hope is the conclusion, or it's changing the law back to what the current law is, in my opinion. But I wanted to be sure that we weren't opening all this up for the department to say, well, we choose...we choose to provide little or no assistance, which I don't think is what the department wants, obviously, because they have come to