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restrictive placement. LB 640 provides legislation intent to appropriate \$1.67 million in General Funds for the Fiscal Year 2001-2002, and \$3.68 million in Fiscal Year 2002-2003 for County Juvenile Services Aid Program, a total of \$5.35 million. The bill has an operative date of July 1, 2001, and contains an emergency clause. Mr. President, that will conclude the opening and I would be prepared to introduce the committee amendment at this time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. As Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The committee amendment is the white copy version of the bill. It separates the aid program from the planning grant program and provides for administration of the planning grant program by the Crime Commission. Annual General Fund appropriation for such grants is limited to \$250,000. Annual General Fund appropriations for the County Juvenile Services Aid Program are limited to \$3,750,000. The committee also provides that counties may use any of their current local expenditures for community-based juvenile services to meet that 40 percent match requirement in the bill. This was a point that both Lancaster and Douglas County were very interested in because they also...they already have some programs underway. The amendment provides legislative intent to appropriate \$1.42 million of General Funds Fiscal Year 2001-2002, and \$3.43 million in Fiscal Years 2002-2003 for the Juvenile...the County Juvenile Services Aid Program; and \$250,000 in General Funds in FY 2001-2002, \$250,000 in 2002-2003 for planning grants. Again, the total is \$5.3 million. The committee amendment also includes provisions of LB 652 introduced by Senator Wehrbein, which has to do with the costs of juvenile evaluations and pre-evaluation detention costs. The bill was introduced in response to a recent decision of the Nebraska Supreme Court under LB 652, as amended into LB 640. The state is required to pay juvenile evaluation costs unless otherwise ordered by the court. The state is also required to pay...to pay pre-evaluation detention costs beyond the first ten days after the evaluation is ordered by the court. Counties are