

to the Governor and to the Education Committee and to this body just what types of services they are providing and to the extent they are providing them to try to cut down duplication. I think it is foolish for us at the present time to do away with this coordinating commission in view of the fact that Louisiana and other states have similar types of commissions where they develop inter agency agreement as to who is going to serve whom in the area of handicapped. I think that our money will be well spent for this purpose, so we have an audit. I don't know what the fiscal note is on this but, Senator Warner, would you answer me, the fiscal note.

SENATOR WARNER: It would be about \$38,000.

SENATOR Koch: About \$38,000? That is for the purpose of developing a memorandum of agreement among these various agencies. It bothers me because we are under some fiscal pressure that we are going to try to save an ounce of fiscal note to maybe save a pound of a lot of dollars. So therefore what I am attempting to do is to amend the committee amendment to place that commission back into existence and hopefully, and I'll be the first to strike that commission if they do not do their job. They are working on it and they are doing very well at the present time. So, I do not want to see us strike that particular commission. This committee just passed that law. I think it is important that we keep it in place and determine whether or not we can audit those various agencies as to the clients they are serving and where there is duplication then we can say to them you are duplicating a service that shouldn't be here. This should be under either the Department of Institutions or the Department of Welfare or under the Education Department in the handicapped children in education or it should rest in one of those places. So I am asking you to accept my amendment to place it back into statute.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner did you want to reply to this?

SENATOR WARNER: I'll explain the position of the committee. This was included in the original bill to review, then when the committee came out with its original budget recommendation of some weeks ago we had included that \$40,000. I had to correct myself Senator Koch it is \$40,140. We had included that in our recommendations as of a couple of weeks ago. It was not included in the Governor's bill originally and then when he came in and addressed us he again indicated that he thought that that dollar amount could be eliminated.