

believe that this fairly closely tracks the kinds of activities that the Office of Children and Families which is a newly formed office, again, that grew out of the initiative here in the Legislature, fairly closely tracks what they are trying to do. I have asked them to take a look at this to make sure that it conforms with what they are trying to do. They have assured me they will and so we will also take care of that on Select File if there is language that would inadvertently somehow conflict with what is happening there. But I think the key things to remember about this bill is that it is a community based bill. My desire is not to get bogged down in a lot of bureaucracy, to get as much help as quickly as we can out to the communities because that is where the solutions are going to be found, that's where the needs are and I think sometimes, quite frankly, we have a lot of resources in the state that communities don't know about. I know that is true in my communities and if we can get them out there and help them with the training, help them with just knowing what is going on around in other parts of the state, that we can make a tremendous difference in the quality of lives of children and families in this state. I can think of my own district and you can probably think in your own districts where this most likely might be used, but a lot of the communities along the northern line of this state are close to Indian reservations. We're seeing a lot of Native American children come into our communities. One of the things that motivated me to get interested in this, in the first place,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: ...is a schoolteacher of mine who happens to be my aunt, said we've got kids coming to school that don't even have breakfast in the morning. We need to do some things about this. So I would guess out of my community we'll see maybe a Native American center with other people in the community come forward and say, we can solve our own problems with a little help. Beatrice is another good model. There are some things going on in Omaha. There is, obviously, lots of room to do other things and there are little projects popping up around the state that if we just give them a little nurturing, I think we're going to make a big difference and I think maybe our successors in here won't have to build as many prisons, quite frankly, if we are successful in starting these kinds of prevention and early intervention programs. You may have other questions that have been raised. I know some of you have been asked about them and so I will turn on my light and try to