

standards as stated in the department's regulations". And this is intent language to help, hopefully, make the system work a little better. And because of some problems with client eligibility and the current people who are being served, it is my understanding that this will help in the delivery of services in the mental retardation regions. Far as the distribution of the money then which is the rest of the...rest of the amendment, if you will turn to page 32 on the committee amendments to 1031. For mental retardation district number I, it would be an increase for that district of \$55,777, bringing their total to \$3,607,227; page 33 for mental retard...for the Region II, would increase their funding \$279,246; Region III, on line 12, the total...the increase would be \$96,747; line 19 for Region IV the increase would be \$178,173; Region V, which is page 34, the total would be increased \$1,346,181. So their total would be increased to \$13,575,196; Region VI would not change except that we would insert a provision, and this is on page 2, line 17, of this amendment to the committee amendments, we would insert a section for private providers that would provide that there would be appropriated \$270,000 for private providers under that particular section. So then the total again would be increased by two million plus dollars. And then on line...after line 17, on page 34, would be added intent language again. "There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY1990-91, \$2,225,124 General Funds. It is the intent of the Legislature that this appropriation be used to meet the needs of persons currently receiving services and to ensure the continuation of such services through FY1990-91." That is how this amendment fits into the committee amendment to 1031. I think all of you, or a great number of you, at least, have been approached by the mental retardation regions that you represent and are aware of the problem that was brought about by a shortfall in federal funding last year and the inclusion of people from the waiting lists in the programs and then finding out later that the way the model funding proposal worked out that they were not going to get the money to provide those programs that they had thought they did. And the question I suppose is whether we take people out of programs that are currently enrolled or whether we provide for those that are currently enrolled regardless of the circumstances surrounding their inclusion into the programs. I suppose, too, that there is a question in people's minds as to why in the world I would be supporting a two and a quarter million dollar appropriations of this type. And I guess it gets to a basic fundamental of why I believe that we have government. Governments, historically, have been organized to provide for