

against children. The amendment also creates a fund from which county attorneys can request assistance for the location, hiring of expert witnesses in the field of crimes against children. The amendment also provides that the Legislature appropriate funds to finance certain aspects of the mandatory training, the hiring of expert witnesses, and the additional three attorneys and one staff person in the Attorney General's office. Colleagues I believe that we must do this. Again, we must do this. There is at least the perception, and a justified one I might add, that everyone did not do their job. The Franklin Committee...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHIZEK: ...and the Judiciary Committee believes that the committee amendments go a long way to make sure that this scenario never happens in this state again. And I urge your adoption of the committee amendments. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. An amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chizek would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, this is your AM3136 that you'll find on page 1560 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chairman, colleagues, this amendment you heard a little about yesterday. The amendment that I now ask you to adopt will amend the committee amendments to address yet another facet of an overall problem first raised by the Franklin matter, treatment of mentally disordered sex offenders, if we do not do something to address this problem immediately. We may well have sex offenders released because they are not receiving the treatment for their disease when they plead guilty. This treatment generally takes from 18 months to 3 years. The problem was brought to our attention last week by Judge McGinn of the Lancaster County District Court. Since that time my staff has been working with Senator Wesely, the county attorneys, the Attorney General's office, Judge Buckley from Omaha representing the Omaha judges, Judge Inbody from Wahoo representing the county judges, and a task force consisting of individuals in the Department of Corrections, Department of Public Institutions, and some other interested citizens. There