

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. This is another amendment, offered by Senator Byars and myself, which deals with case management. There was some concern about the ability, under the bill, for the State Department of Public Institutions to put into place a case management system. We already have one in place right now, through the regions. The state would take that over, under the bill. But we want to have the department work with the various interested parties. They are concerned about having the time to do that, to work with the department, so the effective date of this implementation of the case management system is delayed until January 1 of next year. And, Senator Byars, I don't know if you want to take any time. But we have worked on this, and it is an agreed to amendment, would appreciate support for it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any discussion of this amendment to the amendment by Senator Wesely? Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: I rise in support of this amendment. I think this amendment gives us some time to bring all of the interested parties together, all of those people, the family members, and those people providing services, state officials involved, gives some time to provide a method in which we're going to provide services to those people with developmental disabilities. So I would support this amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Is there anyone else wishing to discuss this amendment to the committee amendments? Seeing no one, Senator Wesely, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment to the committee amendments, as offered by Senators Wesely and Byars. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senators Wesely and Byars amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: That's all I have pending to the committee amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there further discussion of the committee amendments? Senator Wesely, do you wish to close on the committee amendments?