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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, I can't say. I've not looked at any figures like that...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or seen a study of that nature.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, I'm trying to come to the fountain, you know, to find out so I thought you might have that information.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The only way you can get water out of the fountain is if there's some water there.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Let me ask you this. Why don't you make it retroactive?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, there have been attempts to do that in the past, and it has been determined that that would be in the nature of work that the Pardons Board can do. It's mitigating a sentence after it's been imposed and the Legislature cannot do that. The Pardons Board would be the only one to do that.

SENATOR ROBINSON: They can do that, though. I was thinking, you know, talking about how crowded our prisons are that it might be an option to look at so...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, this bill would help to reduce that...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Sure, I understand that. I understand.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because many people who are locked up are there for nonviolent offenses. Some people feel they shouldn't go to the penitentiary in the first place. But should they wind up there, this will during the early part of the sentence give them the opportunity to get out sooner if they behave.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Does anyone else wish to speak to this bill? Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President, Senator Chambers, may I ask a question?