

persons with developmental disabilities. Regional governing boards shall be responsive to needs identified through the service coordination system and shall develop service contracts with the Division of Rehabilitation Services. The Division of Rehabilitation Services shall maximize federal vocational rehabilitation funds available to the state by using state and local funds available from providers to match federal vocational rehabilitation funds for services to persons with mental illness and persons with developmental disabilities. The Division of Rehabilitation Services shall provide a report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature at a committee meeting prior to December 1, 1992 on the service contracts in effect and the plan to maximize these federal vocational rehabilitation funds.

SENATOR MOORE: Thank you, Senator Wesely. I mean, obviously I just read the amendment. Maybe there is other members of the body that you may want to pass it out so they see it. That's a decision they have to make for themselves I guess. I personally agree with Senator Wesely, one, that there is no General Fund impact to the amendment. It will simply be... I guess strengthen intent language that was placed in there last year to try and encourage everyone to maximize federal funds and I see no harm in the amendment. I, myself, support it. If you want to trust Senator Wesely and I, that's fine. Otherwise, you may want to ask to look at the language, but I, myself, rise in support of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, just very quickly, Senator Wesely, again, from what I heard on the amendment and what I read over on the side, I wholeheartedly support what you are trying to do and I have no problems and it certainly is within the framework and the mindset of the committee and I think of the Legislature in general on what we want to do with vocational rehabilitation and I appreciate your bringing this amendment forward.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Lamb. There is no one further wishing to speak, so I'll recognize Senator Wesely for a closing.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, I appreciate