

don't have a big problem with the amendment, but by saying a county shall pay no more toward the costs of such facilities than it was paying on January 1, '92, I mean obviously rental costs go up. You know, three or four years from now, regardless of what we do, rental costs, leasing costs may go up. It's my understanding this amendment would forever freeze the county's share of that cost. And is...I know...Senator Peterson yield to another question?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Peterson, my question is, I mean it is your intent to say let's say now, for whatever reason, Social Services in some county, let's use some county other than Norfolk, the rental cost is \$6 per square foot. The county pays a share of that. Obviously, in 5 years maybe the costs will go up to \$8 per square foot. You're saying the county should not have to pay any more if those rental costs go up. Is that, indeed, what would actually happen, Senator Peterson?

SENATOR PETERSON: My understanding, Senator Moore, is it would freeze it as it is right now.

SENATOR MOORE: But two or three years from now, if the lease costs in any county, I mean, let's say they were staying in the same building, and obviously the private...let's say we're renting it from some...a private entity, the lease went up, the state would have to...would bear the entire cost of that increase. The counties should have to pay no cost of that increase?

SENATOR PETERSON: My understanding the lease could go up, but it would be no more burden on the counties. The counties would stay at the two-twelve, or three, whatever it be, wherever it is.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, but...but...I understand that is...My concern is I understand your Norfolk situation, I'm concerned with the precedent in the rest of the state is what's causing me a concern. I mean, because now I...I...I understand you're talking about the two-twelve at Norfolk. But let's say in Lexington, I don't know if they do, if Social Services leased space for \$6 per square foot, I don't know what the county's share of that is, let's say it's 25 percent, whatever it is now. Obviously a year or two from now the leasing costs go up from \$6