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with members of the Foster Care Review Board in terms of the training that they have been doing with people around the state to work out a proposal with the State Patrol and possibly to extend that to other law enforcement agencies in order to address this really critical issue of appropriate training for those people doing the investigation.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, and I guess one of my concern is with the bill at this point is, though it's not enough to hold it back at this point, but once we get a time line where we're really at a rush to get through things I would like to make sure that we have for sure what those training...that training process would be before I could be supportive.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Rasmussen, I have one other question, if time permits, otherwise, I'll put my light on again, and that is I'm somewhat confused as I read the bill and, again, I'm going through the amendment as quickly as I can, on who actually is going to investigate the child abuse cases. I'm confused. Is it the police that's going to do it? Is it the Child Protective Services going to do it, or is the new training team...the training teams going to be there? It seems to me that we have a little bit of confusion who's actually going to be doing what and I'd kind of like to have your response. If not, if I run out of time now, maybe at some other point, but if you could respond to that now.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Sure, Senator Bernard-Stevens, actually I think the answer to your question is all of the above. The intent is to get the teams to work together to do the investigation. The legal responsibility for doing the investigation is the law enforcement and that was the intent of the first amendment, the committee amendments, was to make clear that law enforcement was responsible for the investigation...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: ..and....

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Rasmussen, if you'd go ahead