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SENATOR RASMUSSEN: And this is sort of what Senator Schimek and I were talking about earlier. We want to...the problem in the past has been when it has not...when it has been a joint responsibility to do investigation, too many times nothing was getting done, so we want to make it clear that there is a sole responsibility with law enforcement to do the investigation. That's why your questions about appropriate training for them is right on target because that will need to be done so that it can be done appropriately. But in the committee amendments it also makes it clear that law enforcement may request assistance from the Department of Social Services in doing those investigations and the intent of the whole multidisciplinary team bill is that that is exactly how they will perform, is that they will work together on these investigations.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. I guess again, to kind of let you know where I'm coming from, so many times we do have real good intent, but the intent doesn't actually come to fruition as to the way we'd like to do it. One of the other questions I again would pose again in this little discussion that we're having is if, in fact, the legal responsibility is going to be at the law enforcement side it makes me wonder then if one of the other groups, whether it's the Child Protective Services or the teams that will be put together under 1184, if only one has legal responsibility one might wonder what legal right would the other groups have if they went in without much of the...without the police there. In other words, if the team goes in or the Child Protection Services comes in and makes a decision, makes an action, but yet they do not have official legal responsibility, that is a question I think that I would like to, at least for the record at some point, some point go through. And I will admit I think there still is, though there is an idea if we want the people to work together it's still going to be I think, at some point, in my mind at least, confusing as to who actually should be going in and do they have a legal right to go in and do they have any authority to go in if it's not the police. And those are some things at some point I would need to be a little bit more comfortable with before I could support the bill at a later time, though I'm certainly willing to move it on to Select File so that we can keep those discussions going. And, Senator Rasmussen, if you want some of the other time, that's fine. Otherwise, I yield back my time to the Chair.