

than splitting out, splintering out the issue, keep it confined within the one department.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, so you feel they probably have the expertise to draw up the rules and regs for the grants?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Yeah, the people we've talked to, my office has dealt with, have quite a bit of knowledge in the area.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Would churches be eligible to apply for a grant?

SENATOR LINDSAY: The eligibility would require a 501(c)(3), the tax exempt, under the Internal Revenue Code. They would have to be required to have an external audit by a CPA firm to allow, or to make sure that funds are being appropriately spent, the department has that information. They have to provide 24-hour residential service, which is...was derived at, be nondiscriminatory, and operate a drug-free premises. So in that, if they fall within that, the department can give grants to them.

SENATOR HILLMAN: And, last, is...I believe I heard you say that this could be for youth or children as well as adults?

SENATOR LINDSAY: That is correct.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Thank you, Senator Lindsay.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Lynch. I don't think we have had full debate on this. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, if I could ask Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I will try and answer.

SENATOR HARTNETT: You handed out this sheet, Senator Lindsay. With this bill, are you going to open up more centers, do you see that happening, or...?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, that would certainly be a...what would be hoped for, any shelter that applies would be considered by the department. The department would have discretion in