

SENATOR LINDSAY: Good time is credit given to an inmate pursuant to statute, that is intended or used for the purpose of maintaining control. It can be taken...good time can be...is given by statute. It can be taken away by the head of that institution, after a hearing or whatever, for whatever disciplinary type...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Basically, if someone doesn't get in trouble while they're incarcerated, right?

SENATOR LINDSAY: Right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, okay. I know you were talking about the one going from eight months to six months. Has there ever been any studies done on the effect of people that have been on good time? Do they seem to stay out of county jails and city jails more if they're on good time, or if they're not, or...

SENATOR LINDSAY: Well, good time is...everybody is entitled to good time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, I understand that.

SENATOR LINDSAY: So it's not people who are on it, it's anybody who's been in prison or jail has had some good time. The studies that have been done, and I'm not real familiar with them, but from my talking with correctional officials they want good time as an ability to control their inmate population.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Do you have any data on the increase of counties as far as their jails are concerned, if that's gone up a lot or the cost of the incarcerated individuals?

SENATOR LINDSAY: No, I don't know what the costs are. Douglas County has added onto its correctional center a couple of times. We have a crowding problem, I know, at the juvenile level. I believe they're near capacity at the...

SENATOR ROBINSON: What's the average cost of keeping someone in a county jail? You have any idea?

SENATOR LINDSAY: I don't know at the county level, and I assume that it's going to vary from day-to-day.