

program. It's part of a \$10 million grant that, administrative funds that are received by the federal government for unemployment benefits.

SENATOR HALL: Right, and I understand that. I don't even know what the Title III grants are to be quite honest with you, but my question goes to the language that says, if the individual has been determined to be likely to exhaust regular benefits and to need reemployment services pursuant to a profiling system established by the commissioner pursuant to Section 303-11 of the federal Social Security Act unless, and then there's the two options that the commissioner has to them. This doesn't deal with somebody who...this could be a first-time beneficiary. Is that not right?

SENATOR ABOUD: Well someone...yeah, someone that is unemployed, they could be...right, it could be first time, it could be tenth time, it could be an individual that is unemployed and the commissioner provides that...I mean the commissioner establishes the criteria following federal law. That's what the law provides for. The services where it states in the language here, the individual has completed such services as determined by the commissioner. So the commissioner follows the federal law under that 303, subsection J1 of the Federal Social Security Act, to determine job search assistance.

SENATOR HALL: Right.

SENATOR ABOUD: So it's some job search assistance program that they have established there.

SENATOR HALL: Did Mr. Sheaff talk at all about what kind of criteria the department was going to use? And I don't mean to hold this bill up, but it seems to be a possibility where an individual could be denied, they could be denied their benefits based on a federal law that says we've got to create a program...

SENATOR ABOUD: Right.

SENATOR HALL: ...that may not be necessary.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well the...Mr. Sheaff had stated that the program hasn't been developed. It's in the process of being developed by the Department of Labor. This is apparently, it