

the amendment does. Local control, no mandates, flexibility. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. The question before the body now is the adoption of the Beutler amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 11 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is not agreed to. Mr. Clerk, the next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kristensen would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, AM1587 in front of me. (See page 1614 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. This I took really from our debate the other day when Senators Lindsay and Hall had some concern. I didn't necessarily agree with them, but they had some concern about the standards that were in there, and could this commission have some impact on the way that a local public defender's office is operated, and what they do, and how they do it. And so there was also some concern that there was a delayed implementation date on a fund out there that could be used for this reimbursement or for some other purposes. And so I have struck all of those references, and the amendment has been printed I think now for a week or so, and I hope people have had a chance to look at it. I have also passed out a summary, a section by section summary of that, and I just want to briefly go over what we are doing and trying to focus this debate a little more because this has been a tough one to follow simply because we sometimes stray and sometimes we will go and do another amendment. But this amendment should focus, I believe, the debate a little clearer, and what this amendment will do is it does set up the act. It does set up this fund. The fund will be funded by the state. What it does is set up the commission. Now the reason the commission is set up is to provide for standards, so you just don't create three or four or five people, and say go forth and do good. I mean, this is the control against that, and that commission is going to be