

took out those standards and guidelines that I think that you had some problems with. I also went in and tried to clean up the capital litigation division, the appellate division, and the major case resource division, and talk about that that's going to be done on an as we can provide it basis. Now funding is the other issue. The fundamental question here may well be funding, and how is that going to be done? And I suggest to you that there are really two options here. Either you have the state do it entirely, or you have some sort of system where the counties, if they utilize this system, have to contribute part of that cost. So they, in effect, it is a deductible. If you continue to use the insurance example, that they would pay, I don't know, my trouble is I am working on the numbers, and that is what I offered to Senator Beutler to be able to get done by Select File is to try to find those numbers, whether it is 10 percent, 20 percent, 30 percent, 40 percent of the costs that they incur that the counties may contribute back, but that would be a charge-back. That is really your two sources of funding. But this isn't a system...and I suggest to you that Lancaster County needs this just as badly as the small counties do. Douglas County needs this just as bad as the small counties do. And for every case they work on, even if it is one case in Lancaster County, or one case in Douglas County, they are going to save money with it. These people are paid a salary at the state level. That means the county is not going to pay them on a per hour basis on their conflict case, and I will guarantee you that that's not...you know, it is going to save them money. The other part of this, of course, is that indigent defense is a tough concept. Senator Pirsch was correct, in some spots there are a lot of questions with indigent defense. That is the reason that the chief justice commissioned the indigent defense study. I suggest you take a look at that. There are a lot of problems out there. Unequal pay is just one of them. This, this goes towards equalizing that system. This goes towards eliminating that problem, and what this amendment also does is it comes through and I think tries to clean up some things when we went to state funding, and when we had some of those leftover funds. It takes those out. It takes rid of that delayed implementation date, and I think really does, as I referred to earlier, it surrenders sort of what...to Senator Hall and Senator Lindsay and to that case. You know, I don't expect them to vote for this, I suppose, in the long run, but I think the membership ought to realize that I am trying to put this bill in the shape that is at least somewhat acceptable to them, and I don't...I am not out there to go get public defenders. This