

SENATOR HALL: Right.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, that's one way to do it.

SENATOR HALL: I mean, if the argument is that we're going to spread the money over the 93 counties, we're looking at \$5,400 per county for indigent defense because that would be another way to spread the funds out, do it on a county-by-county basis as opposed to a...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If you took the 500,000, instead of...

SENATOR HALL: ...population basis.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If you took the 500,000, instead of hiring people you just had \$500,000 and distributed that 500,000 divided by 93, I assume that's probably right, yeah.

SENATOR HALL: Okay. Tell me this, as I read the amendment, and I'm looking at...and I apologize because I don't have the page numbers down but I'm looking at Section 9 and Section 11, they're found on 1616 and 1617, as they're written and I read them, it says that the commission shall, and then it says that the chief counsel shall in those respective sections. And under Section 9, it says, the commission shall make or encourage studies of any aspect of indigent defense systems, that's subsection (4), it says...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yeah.

SENATOR HALL: ...three, plan improvements in the indigent defense system and promote their implementation. In subsection (8) of that, it says, oversee statewide data collection for the indigent defense systems in Nebraska on such topics as cost, caseload, use of resources and workloads. In nine, it says, provide legal services to indigent persons through the divisions in Section 12 of this act. You go over to Section 11 and just briefly looking at sub (7) it says, the chief counsel shall convene conferences and training seminars related to the various types of indigent defense systems, perform other duties related to the administration of indigent defense systems as directed by the commission. Eight, it says, establish and administer projects and programs for the operation of the commission. Nine, or 11, excuse me, it says, collect, develop and maintain