

little bit further. Let's assume that the person comes in and says, yes, I have not paid but there's a reason for that because there has been a violation of visitation or whatever it may be. What would happen at that point? Would that immediately then go to a referee?

SENATOR DAY: No, at that stage they still would be required to pay their child support because under our law they are not linked together. If they want to take that they'd have to take that as a separate issue and go to the referee on the visitation. The two are not linked.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Okay. But they were linked prior to your taking it out of the bill, or were they not?

SENATOR DAY: I don't believe so. No, they were never linked. They never have been linked.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Okay. So if a person is not paying because they're in an ongoing battle with their ex because of visitation rights have not been granted or have not been allowed in the final court order, that will not be affected. The person could say you're going to have to pay regardless of whether you've had visitations or not. But if you have concerns on that, you then can go to the referee.

SENATOR DAY: That's correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: All right. Now let me talk about that just a minute. You go to the referee and that would be a person in Social Services?

SENATOR DAY: No, that's appointed by the courts.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Okay.

SENATOR DAY: An attorney who is trained in this area.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENSON: Okay, and in the fiscal note how many people do you assume may have to be used for this or has there been any guesstimation at all?

SENATOR DAY: There has not been any fiscal note because that part of it has been added on for visitation interference and also for change of child support. What I have been told is the