

removes the language from the "The" on line 7 through "transfer" on line 11. And the reason for the amendment is that it does not...it does not make clear in here if people don't volunteer, can they be transferred anyway. I think the language is very ambiguous. I don't think that maybe this type of language needs to be written into the bill. However, I do have some questions about how this will work, and, Senator Avery, if you would be good enough to respond. I asked it rhetorically a while ago, but this time I'd like to ask you how you envision this transfer of employees actually working...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Avery.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and who makes the decision as to which employees leave the agency and go to the other agency? Is it the Director of the Department of Social Services or is it the head of the director of Foster Care Review Board? It doesn't stipulate in here and maybe it shouldn't, but what do you envision?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you. Senator Schimek, I guess I thank you for bringing these points, and as we all know, legislation, as we put it and bring it, is not always exactly perfect, and it always needs some fine-tuning. Even after we pass it on Final Reading, there needs to be, we try it out and see how it works, and it needs to be addressed at that time. I...the intent here is that we provide some transition time, also the fact that we are not hiring new state employees was...was my intent, that it be a transfer so that we don't have a net increase of total state employees. In saying, I will accept your amendment...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay, let me...let me...

SENATOR AVERY: ...because if it is clear that between now and second reading we can, you know, maybe there is some language that we need to address at that point.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Let me follow up with a question, if people don't volunteer and don't want to leave, then what do you do?

SENATOR AVERY: Well, I'm not sure. I...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Do you hire?