

would be the end of Foster Care Review, you know it would. So don't fall into that trap and allow it to become a code agency. It has to remain independent. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Mr. Clerk, I understand you have an amendment to this portion of the Avery amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend. (Hall amendment, FA211, can be found on page 2067 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The amendment is an amendment to the first section of Senator Avery's proposal. It simply strikes "five" and inserts "four". In other words, on line 3, page 1, well actually it's Section 1, so it would be line 3, it strikes "five" and inserts "four", and on line 5 it strikes "five" and inserts "four". It merely says that we're going to...if we're going to transfer employees, we're only going to transfer four employees, the Department of Social Services, in the first year, and then July 1 of '96 we'll transfer an additional four employees. What's the reason for the amendment? The reason for the amendment is to find out what's going to happen with these employees, what is going to happen over at DSS? Are these individuals the only employees that we are going to be dealing with in terms of the additional costs to Foster Care Review Board? As you all know there are...well I think it was stated that there are going to be 26 new boards that would be created with the inclusion of all these additional children that would fall under the review. And as I understand it, I think there's about one specialist for approximately every three boards. Are those included in these individuals? Are they in addition to the transfer of the ten employees from DSS? Are the DSS people going to be replaced, or are they going to be retained by DSS, and are they going to be given additional duties and responsibilities? These are all questions that have to be answered. And their fiscal note does not address the proposal that's in front of us. And we're being asked...and that's one of the reasons I asked to divide the question because the issue of transferring employees from one department to a board, when you've got a department that opposes it and a board that says we want to be able to do this, I