

those who volunteer. Now I don't think that's a perfect scenario, but we have the language in the first two sentences of the bill that says that the employees shall be transferred from the Department of Social Services, I mean there's no options here. and I think maybe that's the problem that we're having with this whole section is it does not give any opportunity for Foster Care Review Board, if established as a separate entity to review, does not give them the opportunity to hire from outside. They simply have to take the transfers from the Department of Social Services. And I suspect the underlying reason for this is the fiscal note and an opportunity here to just simply transfer from one agency to the other so you don't have to show anything on a fiscal note. And I think that's penny-wise and pound-foolish, as we keep saying on the floor. It is far, far better to be able to hire the employees that you need without worrying, in some sense, about the employees and what's going to happen to them. I think that the money shouldn't be the overriding consideration. Having said that, I've got a couple of questions that I need to ask Senator Avery, and I...yes, he's still on the floor.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And it gets to the whole issue of the number of employees that are needed here. And I looked up in my little agency book here, Senator Avery, and it says that there are 20, 21 employees at the Foster Care Review Board, and that there are 28 existing boards. And my question is, if you need 20 employees for 28 boards, and you plan to establish 26 more boards, wouldn't you also have to have approximately another 20 employees? And if not, tell me what kind of employees that each board needs, please.

SENATOR AVERY: I probably should write that down and get the information, but I'll try a little bit to...how I perceive the process of happening. And if there is something different that I can answer and provide you with more information, I will do that. What...each member will have approximately three boards to operate. The intent...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I'm sorry, each member, what do you mean each member?

SENATOR AVERY: Each...each specialist, review specialist...