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SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR AVERY: ...we will...what I envision is there will be additional boards created to make sure we're reviewing the DSS out of home placement, the children they're responsible for. We also have children that are in the process of adoption, children in the correctional system. The proposal that is presented, and I will have a handout, and I'm glad you're bringing it because I didn't want to hand it out until we get to some of the topics I didn't know exactly what we'd get to talking about. But they have a plan of putting one person in charge of the correction to make sure we track and follow children moving in, you know, teenagers primarily that would be moving in the correction system, so we don't lose those. And...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But...

SENATOR AVERY: ...hopefully part of that process will be improved by...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR AVERY: ...improvements in the correction system.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: We'll kind of continue on with that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe we have a process now in place where our juvenile, we're revamping, we're improving, thanks to Senator Bernard-Stevens, our juvenile correction system. And in that process, in that process we, I believe, can improve how we deal with the youth. And the plan for foster care is to make sure that they have an individual tracking and reviewing, in charge of those areas. This...this...a lot of this is a management process that needs to be laid out and worked out. And I do have a handout that...when we...we can pass out that tells how they plan to deal with the additional employee, or the additional children that currently aren't being reviewed. And my...it's important to me that we address that, those children that aren't being reviewed. Some of them move in and out of the system so fast that there is...the regulation is that they do not have to be reviewed, unless they're in the system for six months.