

first of all, I commend you on the work of getting this apparently all worked out. I have to apologize for not being as familiar with what you worked out as I probably should have been. I knew there was...the bill was coming up but I thought I would have some time tonight to study this amendment so I'm going to have to ask you some questions.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Sure.

SENATOR BROMM: Please bear with me. With the amendment, does the fiscal note change? I mean, we had a fiscal note before. The last one I've seen was 500,000 for '95-96 and then 500,000...well, maybe a short 500,000 for '95-96 because of the short year.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, that's going to have to be changed.

SENATOR BROMM: Then 500,000 for '96-97. Does your amendment do anything about that?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, it will reduce the A bill. By having the charge back, you'll have a year delay so you won't see the savings in the first year, obviously, but in the second and the out years this one-third that the county will contribute for actual defense will come back in to help fund and supplement this so, in effect, that you will reduce the A bill but, obviously, we can't put that amendment on till this amendment gets adopted, but it will have the impact of reducing the cost to the state and shifting that in the form of a deductible to the county.

SENATOR BROMM: And we're still going to have a chief counsel and three staff attorneys, two paralegals and an investigator. Is that still kind of the plan?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: That's sort of the plan. I just...I don't have the exact one you may be reading off, but, yes, that is still roughly the plan, yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, and then as it will work, the counties that need help will apply for some assistance with this office, is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I believe the proper procedure would be that when there is an indigent defendant who fits within