

area yet, this Legislature has an ability to use the learning or use the knowledge that has been gathered on what works and what doesn't work in those other states. And the Department of Corrections has used that in helping to develop this to find what is working and what's not working. Other states do have quite a bit of history with that. I believe this model has been...has been drafted to the extent and the plan that the Department of Corrections has put together does...does satisfy that. They...I think they have taken those portions of other states' experiences that are positive and whittled away some of those that don't work. There are...there are some complications with it that I think we'll get to when we talk about the amendment which I think the next amendment...and I will relinquish my time here in a second just so we can get to that amendment which will be the issue of should we or should we not be getting into the area of boot camps. And that, the Withem/Bernard-Stevens amendment will put that issue squarely in front of us. If that amendment does not fly then I think we should be looking at questions of this particular type, style of boot camp, how it's going to function and if there's changes that need to be made to look at that. With that, I would urge the adoption of the amendment and I guess, hopefully, move on to the amendment that will allow us to make a decision on do we move forward with boot camps or do we not.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment?

CLERK: Senators Withem and Bernard-Stevens would move to amend, Mr. President...or Madam President, excuse me. The amendment is on page 2078 of the Journal.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Withem, to open on your amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yeah, I will open and then yield part of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens. Actually, he is the more knowledgeable on the policy issue of boot camps, I believe. My concerns with this are more of a fiscal nature and at least to make sure, I put this amendment up here to at least make sure that the most costly portion of this bill would be one that the body would be able to make an independent policy decision. Also, procedurally, it's my understanding that the green copy of the bill has the boot camp provision in it. The committee amendments make a modification in the boot camp language. What this amendment would do would be to strike references to the