

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The amendment is agreed to. We will go to Section 4, the fourth division of the committee amendments. The call is raised. Senator Lindsay, I believe you've already opened on all the amendments, but I will give you 30 seconds or so if you'd care to just give a brief summary.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Bernard-Stevens, in the true spirit of Senator Bernard-Stevens' thirty seconds, I couldn't do it justice. So I just remind this is the part dealing with good time and dealing with positive good time; inmates earning good time and the mechanism for doing that.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Is there any discussion on this section of the committee amendments? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Pedersen a question. Senator Pedersen, is this your amendment?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator Chambers, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you explain it because Senator Lindsay did what Senator Bernard-Stevens asked him and just said, there it is.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: This amendment would require the Department of Corrections to set up a structured program plan for inmates to earn good time. At the present time, they do not have to earn good time. They are given 50 percent good time if they just stay out of trouble. This would set up that they have to be parts of programs, whether it be work programs, education, counseling, and using the programs we have there. Did you need some other explanation of that, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If you could state the main elements of it. We've talked about it in that condensed form, and I am trying to read it through now, but if you could touch on what the main elements are. I can see the training and these different kinds of programs, but the punishments and other things that are involved because I am trying to locate the exact wording in the amendment.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: The work programs, vocational training programs, behavior management, money management, substance abuse awareness, and treatment type programs.