

through 21, where it says that the commission, that being the hearing impaired commission, shall not deliver direct mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse services but shall assist in obtaining full access to comprehensive mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse services for the hearing-impaired persons by providing service coordination for hearing-impaired persons with mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse disorders, including, and then it goes on and lists the items. You then flip to page 6, which is the last page of the bill, in Section 9. It says the Department of Public Institutions with the assistance of the Commission for the Hearing Impaired shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to define criteria and standards for access by eligible hearing-impaired persons to mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse treatment programs. Senator Crosby, my question is this, because I do rise in support of the bill, what it, hopefully, will accomplish, but when the Department of Public Institutions, along with the Commission for the Hearing Impaired are drafting those rules and regulations, is it your understanding, and I am asking I think what the intent is, or at least maybe what the understanding is from the folks who are supporting this bill, that there is going to be an additional cost associated. And I am not saying that because I want to hurt the bill. I support it and would...I don't...there is not additional cost in the sense that there is additional monies going to be spent, but there is additional time necessary to provide the same type of treatment to someone who is hearing impaired, in many cases, as opposed to someone who is not in a same or similar situated program, and I am thinking of programs that I am familiar with where they currently already do provide this type of service but not to the extent, as we will rightfully spell out in LB 25. My thought or my request of you is, will the department, along with the commission address a treatment program that might take you or I thirty days to complete, might take a longer period of time for someone who would be hearing impaired and will they recognize that along with that additional time means that there will be a need for additional funds to follow or to be allocated for those individuals? Is that what part of the purpose of Section 9 is with regard to the rules and regs that will be promulgated to define criteria and standards for access by those folks who would be eligible under this bill?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hall, you are right. That is...the