

that should this bill be advanced, and ultimately go to Final Reading, it would appear as an increase probably above and beyond anything that the Appropriations Committee would include in their...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it would be in an A bill at this point, but in the future would be an obligation that we would consider, yes.

SENATOR WILL: So, for this year, though, for purposes of this year's budget, it would appear as an A bill and it would probably be in that form, you know, the way that we get the budget eventually, it'd be in the form or it'd be an addition to the stuff...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yeah, it would come in as part of DPI's budget, yes.

SENATOR WILL: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Crosby. The question I had to ask has already been answered, and I am sure that I don't need to take up any time on this particular bill except to say that I am in support of it. I'd like to turn...I was going to turn some of my time back to Senator Beutler, if he wanted to continue the discussion. If you'd like to have some of my time, the question I had to ask has already been answered, so if you want to use up my time, I'd be glad to give it to you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Beutler, you have four and a half minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, just let me throw out my thought to you, and you can respond to it. My thought was basically this, that maybe we ought to say that the payment program will be in accordance with 83-376, and split the payment between the county and the state with the state paying far and away the largest share. The reason, and that would be the same as it is for civil proceedings, at least if I'm understanding it correctly, and if we do that, then we at least put something into the statute that makes the local judge, county officials, and the county attorney, who is responsible for investigating the