

Lancaster County this much, then I want to know that, too, before we vote on it. So thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend, Madam President. It is AM2932, Senator. (See page 627 of the Legislative Journal.)

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Hudkins, this is an amendment that just clarifies in my mind what I think is your understanding and is what I'm being told in the lobby, and that is that they intend, in this situation that is addressed by your bill, to have Section 83-376 of the statutes apply to this situation, which means the county would pay a little bit up front but the state would pay most of the load. And assuming we are all on the same wavelength on this, I would have several measures more of comfort if this statute said that exactly.

SENATOR HUDKINS: If you have visited with the people whom it will directly affect and they agree, then I have no objection.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator...Senator Beutler, are you finished?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Crosby, maybe I've been too...a little too cryptic here. I just want to tell folks that the only thing this does is to make 83-376 applicable to the cost reimbursement system in this situation. What that statute says, it's a little bit complicated because it breaks it down into different situations and I have it here for anyone who wants to read it, but the basic thrust of all parts of the statute is that the counties will pay the first \$15 or a first set amount. It happens to be a very small set amount and gets smaller as time passes. Senator Wehrbein, you might want to look at the statute, itself. But in any event, the principle is that the county pays a little bit of every one, the theory being that's good because it will cause the county, in doing their various investigations related to this, and in