

people. But it shows that we place individuals in our correctional system that are abusers of, in a sexual manner, victimize individuals sexually and violently, and we end up, in many cases, not treating these individuals, even those that have some potential of turning their lives around we don't end up treating many of those. And there's set sentences, these people are released, and off they go. And what happens many, many times, in terms of recidivism rate in some of these areas is overwhelming, it's amazing. And the least we can do is inform law enforcement and inform law enforcement of these individuals and be able to take some steps to intervene. And the thought is that if there's a problem they'll know at least...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...where to start their search to find solutions to cases and hopefully to try and do something to prevent those cases from occurring. So, again, I rise in support of the bill. I think Senator Abboud and Senator Witek are correct in trying to address this problem. And I hope you'll support it as well.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I do support the Abboud amendment which is before us now because it changes the word "may" to "shall", thereby making it mandatory for a judge to consult with these experts. But even with that I have problems with the bill for this reason, this bill sets out a list of offenses which, if committed, form the basis for this person being deemed the violent sexual offender who must register. So you start with these offenses, then you would have to have a determination by the sentencing court in conjunction with these experts in the field that the person has a mental abnormality, whatever that is, or a personality disorder, whatever that is, that would make the individual likely to commit the offense again. We don't have a definition of personality disorder. We don't have a definition of mental abnormality. I wish some of the people were on the floor here who have dealt with this area of mental disabilities so that they could tell me if the term "mental abnormality" should be put in a criminal statute and a term like "personality disorder" should be put in a criminal statute, whether these are medical terms that are accepted by the