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want to, they have services in their area but they don't want it to be in other areas, for the most part. We thought we'd keep this separate because it needed to be done, we knew it'd be a consent calendar possibility.

SENATOR WITEK: So, what this change in 1046 from replacing to supplementing there will be no community based services paid for with this bill?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No. There is no finance, there is no fiscal note on this bill.

SENATOR WITEK: I noted that there was no fiscal note, which was another one of my questions. I was curious as to...how that could be possible. If we're asking to, with this bill, instead of the language that we had in 988 we were, we were replacing, the whole purpose for 988, as I remember some of the conversation on the floor, was to replace these evaluations. They were being done, we were going to replace them with community based evaluations. And since, as you have said right here on the floor, this has not been done yet, we...in this language here it says supplement, so I would imagine supplement would mean that we would be doing both, the community based and the evaluations at the state facility.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, because in the community based programs that are up and operating, they will, in effect, be doing an intake evaluation and being able to take over those duties from what they're currently doing in Geneva. But since there are not, most of the state is not covered, it is important that Geneva still be able to do the evaluations until they're able to be replaced, which they're not able to now. So what this bill does is create, it stops the problem that will be there at the end of this year, that since the community based programs are not on-line, it is mandated that they stop the evaluations this year, which would mean that there would be a tremendous backup on the evaluations because the students would still be in...the juveniles are still being sent. But the community based...

SENATOR WITEK: So we have...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...those programs have not been able to get up on-line yet.