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SENATOR WITEK: So we have absolutely nothing to replace the evaluation process yet, in place.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Witek, that's why you should support LB 1141.

SENATOR WITEK: And if we are supplementing, then where is the money going to come to supplement?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: What it basically means, Senator, is that in those areas that they have the evaluation process on the community based going, they will use that evaluation process in lieu of that juvenile going to Geneva and having the evaluation done. But most of the areas are not, do not have that process. Their only way of being evaluated currently is to be sent to Geneva for that evaluation. So it allow...it makes sure that all students of the state will have that evaluation done.

SENATOR WITEK: Did we give money in the original fiscal note on 988 to replace this process with community services?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes. In the Phase I area that is up and operating now, not in all of the areas, which LB 1141 would do.

SENATOR WITEK: So that money has been used to open up some community based services?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: They're in the process of doing that now, that is correct.

SENATOR WITEK: Have they begun the community based services yet?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: So we will be, since we are not fully into the community based services, although we did give them a full amount of money in order to do that in 988, we are now saying that in addition to the community based services that we have already paid for to initiate, we will now be paying for...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.