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SENATOR WITEK: ...the, since we haven't replaced the evaluations, we will now be in addition to that paying for the evaluations at Kearney and Geneva.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Witek, you can phrase it any way you want, the bottom line is this bill will not cost the state one dime.

SENATOR WITEK: This bill will not cost the state any more, more dimes than we have already...but if we, if we kept this, this piece of legislation, this language the way it is, then we would be replacing and then we would not be paying for those evaluation services at Kearney and Geneva, correct?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Absolutely. If this bill doesn't pass, those evaluations will cease at the end of the year. Those areas that have the community based programs will be able to meet most of the evaluations, as they get totally underway they'll meet all the evaluations. The rest of the state, their juveniles won't be evaluated. If that's what you want, then vote no.

SENATOR WITEK: But if we had given them enough money to replace what was going on with the community based services in 988, then what we're saying here is...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time. Senator Wehrbein. Senator Witek, your light is next.

SENATOR WITEK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, just to continue the discussion. If we had given them the money in 988 to establish the community based programs within this period of time, and it was a good, that was a pretty hefty fiscal note on that bill, and it was our intention at that time to, to stop the evaluations in Kearney and Geneva and to allow for only the community based services, now you're coming to the Legislature saying, we didn't get those up and running in time, we have to keep the evaluation services open. So we, so that's why I don't understand the fiscal note, there'd have to be a fiscal note to keep those services going past the date that we were going to stop them. In order to keep them going, they have to be paid from some source. And I'm just curious as to what that source would be.