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that this would be an improvement over the current law and they see this as more of a housekeeping type of measure. So I'm going to be supporting this, this particular amendment onto the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Wesely, if I could ask some questions please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR BEUTLER: This is a complicated procedure and I remember going through this vaguely a couple of years ago when we put this law into place. And I've had, I've not had an opportunity to read the court cases, but you're obviously striking out several sections of law here. Let me, let me ask you this, this situation involves offenders who have been convicted, correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so each and every one of them will have a sentence of some type.

SENATOR WESELY: That's correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Once they are convicted, then basically there's a process in place whereby you can go to public institutions and ask them if a treatment program is appropriate, correct?

SENATOR WESELY: Right. The Department of Public Institutions will evaluate them after they've been sentenced, I mean convicted of a sexual offense. So they are evaluated whether or not they are appropriate for a treatment program.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And let's say that, let's say they are put into a treatment program and at some point in time, considerably before the expiration of their sentence, they are determined by DPI to have received the maximum treatment, okay.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Looking at the language in 29-2930 on page 30,