

and that's the kind of amendment this is or could be, and that's why I wanted some clarification. Senator Bernard-Stevens, where is your amendment does it ensure that confidential information will not be mishandled?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That it ensures, the only part of the amendment is the last line that talks about that if it was in st...that if we statutorily cannot share information, that it cannot be shared. Otherwise, it's, obviously, the professional judgment of those that are within the department.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can HIV information be shared among these departments under the law now?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I don't believe so, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can adoption information?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I don't believe so, and particularly with this amendment because it has nothing to do with the coordinated services of the client.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: With...say that again.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Particularly within...with the amendment that would certainly still not be the case because the information is only pro...is the information given for the coordinated services to the client. In other words, if it is information that you need to give them services, that information should be shared.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What about a person's sexual orientation, would the Social Services Department, because...haven't they been cataloging and classifying and registering people.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I would...I think so, yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So to whom would they give that information?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It would be within the agency, itself, if you are creating one agency, it would be in that agency.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, suppose they were dealing with a juvenile and they, whoever was working with this juvenile, but