

better...makes the best of this 1085 approach and what I'm concerned about is that the counties will look at 1085 and say, yeah, we can do this; well, we could have done it before under the interlocal so we have the authority to do it, and dismiss the whole thing and not take seriously, as we are being forced to take seriously, the whole idea of restructuring and trying to squeeze out efficiencies. And so what this amendment is designed to do and encourage, and I'll be very interested in what thoughts you all have on it 'cause we can do this, work on it again on select if we need to, if the idea generally seems desirable to you, but what this is designed to do is to make counties really think about it, really think about it. It says each county board shall thoroughly examine and thereafter hold a public hearing on the question of whether property taxes might be reduced through a consolidation with an adjoining county, and it requires a fiscal analysis of possible savings to be, hopefully, discussed at the public meeting, and that particular paragraph has to do with consolidations, counties with counties. Well, if they don't...if they think it's not feasible or practical or otherwise undesirable to consolidate whole counties, then you move on to paragraph two which asks them to identify by resolution six proposals for the consolidation of one or more county or township offices, or for the joint performance of any common function or service and those six proposals would represent, in their opinion, the most feasible opportunities for property tax reduction. In other words, make them sit down and think about what are the best things we could possibly do and to make them explore those to show what savings, if any, could be effectuated by each of the six proposals. So they sit down, they look at specific things, they explore them. Then, in part three, if substantial savings are possible, and that's their decision as to whether...what their figures after they've looked at it, the county board shall negotiate in good faith with the relevant adjoining county board for a consolidation agreement to effectuate the consolidation. And then, the last thing in the amendment is that each county will send to the Clerk of the Legislature the results of their work and that's there, in part, so we know what's happening, so that we know they're making good faith efforts out there everywhere, but also so that they know that they're going to have to show in the end what they've been doing and that they've been making some real substantial efforts. So the report requires no additional information, but it requires that they forward to the Legislature the fiscal analysis that's required in