

if we build this facility, this secure facility, in terms of the way we should be dealing with that category of juveniles?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: First of all, we're talking about a very severe category as Senator Wehrbein said, murder, sex assault, and where the length of time is not going to be near enough to work with that type of a person. We're talking about serious offenders and they're going to need a lot more time than that than when we're looking at them.

SENATOR BROMM: Do you know how many of those that have been identified that are in our system now?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: We've got somewhere in the neighborhood of 30 teenagers under the age of 18 in our adult prisons today.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, they are in...they're actually in the adult prisons, they're not in the Kearneys or those facilities, is that right?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: There are some in Kearney, my understanding is with this facility when built would be sent to this facility plus it would take all these teenagers out of the adult prison. But the ones that are in prison now are the ones who have committed serious crimes. They're locked up now in the adult prison.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. I guess if we go a different direction with this money, what are you suggesting we do with these severe cases, these serious cases?

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Keep them where they presently are, separating them...separate them out by housing unit and use rules and regulations that we presently have in our correctional system and do almost the same thing except the spending as much money on some of the professionals that we're proposing to do right now.

SENATOR BROMM: In other words, put the 8 or 9 or \$10 million into dealing with the problem instead of building this facility to confine 70...what is this, 76...

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Eighty beds.