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bones for 1044?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, you know, I carried 1044. It is a bill that I have been very intimately involved in and I can tell you that, as we discussed on the floor, ultimately what I described as a system of one stop shopping, so to speak, of individuals needing health and human services, that is the goal we have all talked about and I think there is a consensus among those that I have talked to that are working directly on this that right now the regional structure has a barrier in place that we need to deal with somehow or another.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How many...and basically when you talk about efficiencies, you are talking about efficiencies at the administrative level of all these different groups.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How many people do we have in those? How many administrative positions do we have in those groups?

SENATOR WESELY: It is...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Maybe that is not a fair question, I don't know.

SENATOR WESELY: No, it is a fair question. Senator Robinson, we have at least 227. It has been difficult to get information. We do not have the sort of information I would like to have to share with you. I can't get it...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: But we are talking about a total of 3,000 employees delivering services or, in administration, and at least probably 300 of those would be in administration.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What would their average salary be?

SENATOR WESELY: I don't know that.

SENATOR ROBINSON: How many would they be reduced too?