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information for us. Once that information is available, we'll know how to access existing programs and what, if any, new programs are necessary. It seems to me an appropriate first step, and I would hope that you would support the bill which is now AM0126.

**SENATOR CUDABACK:** Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Jensen to open on the committee amendments. (See Standing Committee amendment, AM0126, on page 537 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SENATOR JENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The committee amendment was suggested by Senator Lynch. And the bill came to the Health and Human Services Committee, not the Education Committee, because of the focus certainly on neurobehavioral health. The committee amendment replaces the bill and adopts the Community-Based Neurobehavior Action Plan Act. The purpose of the amendment is to leverage federal funds for a planning grant. The amendment has a sunset and includes no guarantee of continued General Fund appropriations. The amendment provides legislative intent and defines many of the same terms that are in the original bill. Federal guidelines require the creation of an advisory board with a certain membership criteria. The board is composed of 9 to 15 members, appointed by the Commissioner of Education, to provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Education in completing a statewide needs and resource assessment, and the development of an action plan and reports...and reports, as required by the act. The amendment then also provides criteria for the statewide needs and resource assessment, and a statewide action plan. A report of the assessment and action plan must be submitted to the Legislature, the Department of Education, and the Department of Health and Human Services by December 31, 1999. The Department of Education has given power and authority to contract for the completion of the needs and resource assessment, development of a statewide action plan, and necessary technical and administrative assistance to complete both. The amendment provides intent for a one-time appropriation of \$37,500 in General Funds in the fiscal year '99, year 2000, to leverage matching funds of \$75,000, just the two-to-one, exactly what Senator Lynch was talking about there, to carry out the act. The act sunsets on July 31 of the year 2000. The amendment also has an emergency clause. Further