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Douglas, some costs for those youth that were already placed directly by judges. After July 1, you go to...they will all go to the state. This is the estimate for the first year, estimating about five kids a month would come to the state system. There's a fiscal note and I believe it's...should be on the screen. I haven't looked for it this morning, but it explains the rationale for how the Fiscal Office came up with this money. The other difference...

SENATOR JENSEN: Is this then an increase to those particular counties?

SENATOR THOMPSON: No, this is a decrease to the counties.

SENATOR JENSEN: A decrease to the counties.

SENATOR THOMPSON: This is the state assuming its responsibility for those youth that are currently being placed directly by judges. And it also...the state costs are slightly less because there are youth who are Medicaid eligible. When the counties pay, they have to pay the full boat and when the state pays they can access the federal funds for some of the youth. So there...that is also factored...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...in (inaudible) and that's the Medicaid on the third...I didn't put everything in here but on the third section...

SENATOR JENSEN: The bottom section?

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...where it says Medicaid, yes. There's federal money that's now \$323,000 that we think would be accessed...

SENATOR JENSEN: That we were not accessing before.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...that's currently counties paying.

SENATOR JENSEN: I mean, we didn't have that...we were not accessing that dollars before.