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that. Last year I introduced an interim study on merging juvenile justice grant groups. We met with the Crime Commission, and Allen Curtis, and agreed to move forward with the merger of two of them. Currently, communities who need to or choose to apply for grants to the state, and this is both a federal program, a federal grant, OJJD, which is the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention grants, or a fund that was created by the Legislature several years ago to provide grants to counties to deal with detention issues as well as community-based planning and implementation of other types of services for juvenile offenders or potential juvenile offenders. This created two processes. They did their best to try to streamline this but they had two groups that reviewed the grant processes. Those groups have been supportive of this type of merger. They've...it's been discussed with them, and I think it's very good of them to be willing to, and one of the members of one of those groups did testify at the hearing saying this would be a better process, so communities and counties and groups of counties could come together and apply just to one group in the Crime Commission. A lot of effort went into it. It looks like a large group. A lot of the reasons for, as Senator Jensen said, the number there are required in federal law. So we did the best we could to scale it down and we made some adjustments based on the hearing, but I think we have a group that can work very well. One of the new duties for this group that didn't exist specifically before in this fashion is that they will make an annual report to the Legislature and the Governor on juvenile justice issues in Nebraska. There hasn't been a group that has been consistently available to do that. We've formed task forces over the years. One of the pieces that's missing is a place in state government where issues can be identified, solutions can be recommended, and we would get information on an ongoing basis so issues don't fester and hang on out there for a long period of time. We should be able to know problems on the horizon. We should be able to get the experts and the people are most interested in this in the state who would be part of this commission to be able to help us, guide us in terms of legislation, and guide other parts of the administration in needs on the juvenile justice front. So that's, essentially, where we are going with this bill. I know it's a lot of information but this has the potential, I believe, to help us get a better system in place to deal with a lot of