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potentially these costs could be enormous, and that's exactly the point of the bill. If the state can't afford these costs, how in the world do they expect the counties to do them? Lancaster County recently broke ground for its third juvenile facility. They call them "attention" facilities, thinking that this was a better word for it. They finally realized that's not what these are. These are detention facilities, and the new facility will be called just that, with the razor wire and everything else, a detention facility. The cost in Lancaster County alone for these juveniles has risen about 21.50 percent per year, but this isn't just a Lancaster County problem. It's not just a Douglas and Sarpy County problem either. In fact, there were, in 1997-98, there were 732 total youth confinements, these are our kids that are being put behind bars. Buffalo County, 30 youth; Douglas County, 161; Hall County, 59; Lancaster, 109; Lincoln County, 41; Madison County, 23; Sarpy County, 27; and Scotts Bluff, 31, so it's all over the state, not just in the eastern third. The recent shooting at Greenwood, the DeBrie family, the people that did that, one of them was a youth, a juvenile; he had been previously in trouble in Douglas County, he had not received the treatment that he so desperately received (sic), he was released early and then see what happened to this family at Greenwood. There probably will be in the very near future, at least in Lancaster County, a cap; the county will just absolutely refuse to pay anymore of these payments that are the state's responsibility. In Douglas County recently one judge said, Douglas County, if you do this, I will find you in contempt of court. Lancaster County is willing to take that chance because they say it is not our responsibility, we do not have the facilities, we do not have the money, we do not have the authority for treatment of these kids. We've been told wait a year, it will all work out, or wait a year and work it out. We have now waited four years and it's getting worse. The counties don't have the money, they don't have the treatment. I'm repeating myself, but I think it's so important.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR HUDKINS: It costs \$23,000 approximately for incarceration in the state Penitentiary. What better could those funds be used for in taking care of our youth? The state pays for the penitentiary costs, it would cost them a whole heck