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having become a convert on this, having seen the way that centralized collection of child support works, having seen the technology that is available, and that is available and only really can be justified, I think, if we're doing it on a fairly large scale. Right now, what we're proposing in the demonstration project is...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...that the redundant machines that are there as backup for child support, some time will be leased from them to be able to do the demonstration project. And so the current amendment allows us to see the value and answer a lot of the questions that have been posed by Senator Stuhr. So I would ask you to keep listening, and really look at this as an opportunity for us to see how it might work. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. In concept, I support this. In fact, I signed on the bill. But I have some skepticism. And I am pleased to see the Government Committee did a pilot project. And I don't know whether to ask Senator Schimek or Senator Brown about the width and depth and breadth of this demonstration. Senator Schimek, do you want to answer? Would you willing of a question, or should I ask Senator Brown, about the demonstration?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: I'll yield.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Senator Brown. Would you describe a little bit about how intensive or how widespread the demonstration will be? How many agencies would participate? Are there some volunteers? There's no way to force an agency to participate. Who would you envision doing this? How many? To what extent? I'd appreciate walking before we run, if it works.

SENATOR BROWN: Absolutely. The...there is no obligation to participate other than the obligation to participate in the