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resolved. But it shows what happens when you take a bill that appears to do one thing, but in reality it does many other things, some unintended, some with unintended consequences. But since we are being asked to change the statute, and it will then apply in every county throughout the state, to every court that falls under it, we need to be careful and watchful about what we're doing. We have talked a great deal in the last few days about community corrections. Some counties have said their local jails are overcrowded. So why in the world do you want to put somebody in jail for not complying with a provision in a program? I'd like to ask Senator Aguilar a question. And I was trying to give him a chance to finish his consultation with...so I wouldn't interrupt. Senator Aguilar, what is meant by short-term jail time?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Aguilar, would you yield?

SENATOR AGUILAR: The way that was explained to me was two or three days.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, what does it mean, based on what's in the bill? Based on what's in the bill, we don't have a definition, do we?

SENATOR AGUILAR: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It could mean a week.

SENATOR AGUILAR: We can be more specific if we need it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And another judge could feel that anything less than a month is short-term.

SENATOR AGUILAR: As I said, we'll be more specific if you think it's necessary.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But am I...is what I'm saying correct?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Members