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SENATOR BYARS:    Yes, I will.

SENATOR BOURNE:    Thank you, Senator Byars.    How many ICF/MR facilities do we have in the state?

SENATOR BYARS:    Under the head...we actually have, under the heading of two; Mosaic which was a merged entity of Martin Luther Homes and Bethphage who recently merged, that are not-for-profit organizations, have three ICFMRs.    We have another ICFMR which is a state run facility which is BSDC.    So I suppose technically you could say we have two, one Mosaic, one BSDC, but under Mosaic there are three ICFMRs.

SENATOR BOURNE:    Okay, so for simplicity's sake, we have Mosaic, which is a private entity, and then we have the Beatrice home, you used the initials for that home, and what is...what are the initials?

SENATOR BYARS:    Beatrice State Developmental Center, BSDC.

SENATOR BOURNE:    Okay, thank you, Senator Byars.    Actually, I want to ask you a couple more questions.    So we have two facilities in the state, one is private for profit, and the other...

SENATOR BYARS:    No.

SENATOR BOURNE:    ...one is private and the...

SENATOR BYARS:    No, one is private not-for-profit.

SENATOR BOURNE:    ...other...okay, and then the BSDC is a state-run facility there in Beatrice, okay.

SENATOR BYARS:    Correct.

SENATOR BOURNE:    My question is on page 2, where it talks about 66 percent of the money in the fund each year, including matching federal financial participation, shall be used by the department solely for the purpose of increasing payments, and then down there it says on line 21, such payments shall be made