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I would probably be its biggest supporter on the floor. But unfortunately, we have a sense of reality here, folks, that we do not have the luxury before us to maintain a program that costs \$1,239 per offender to stay at the Work Ethic Camp. There are alternatives. There are...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...very fiscally astute and sound alternatives, and I think they're embodied in the amendment that's before you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Synowiecki. Senator Dwite Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I'm just going to give you a little information to straighten out some of the numbers, at least that I have. My understanding is, and, Senator Baker, you can correct me, that it's a four-month stay. Is that right, instead of a three-month stay?

SENATOR BAKER: That's right.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: So we have three offenders go through one bed in a year's time, instead of three months, Senator Synowiecki. It's a four-month stay. And for each inmate, that costs \$14,871, for each offender, \$14,871 for four months. Take that times three and it's \$44,000 a year for a bed. Now to go back to what Senator Wehrbein was talking about, they get up in the morning, they go to work, they go to school, they get their GED, and Senator Don Pederson was also talking about it. They have all them programs. We also have them programs, people, in what we call our community correction centers. We have one here in Lincoln, we have one here in Omaha, that costs an average of \$15,887 a year per the bed. So you take \$16,000 compared to \$44,000. The only thing is that when you're in a work release center, you do your schooling, you do your treatment-type programs in the evenings. You go out during the day and you work at a regular job and you make money and you take...part of that money is given back to the state for your board and room.