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our streets, but then the news articles go away and we feel comfortable again. We forget. But the poverty and abuse goes on. So we need to stay angry. This bill gives the authority to add programs to work with parents, often very young parents, children having children. It gives the opportunity for home visitation, child screening, parenting, early interventions, and gives us some background and knowledge of what we need to take action on these things. Because the bill encourages but doesn't require action from our state, it should be easy to reach forward and press the green button but, as you do, resolve in your heart that when it comes time to press the button to fund some of these programs you can do that also. A little bit of money and time spent on early intervention will save us big money and time later on. Thank you, Senator Howard. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to thank Senator Howard for bringing this bill to us. We all know that early childhood intervention is probably the key to a productive life that that youth is going to live when they get older. And I would echo what Senator Kopplin said. But I was going to ask some questions, but Senator Schimek has asked them all. And so it is kind of a feel-good bill, but I'm glad to hear that you're saying that HHS is dedicating themselves to doing this. And so I think it would be certainly prudent for Senator Jensen and Senator Howard to follow up on that and give a report to us, as this is being dealt with. And I know there's going to be some programs come before us before the session is over, whether they come out of Education or Health and Human Services, that's going to require some money and, you know, we have to balance the budget, so Senator Pederson will be looking over our shoulder. But I think this should be high on the list and it's kind of pay me now or pay me later, if we don't do some of these things. And I know that almost all of us in here have had children or dealt with children. Nothing is more frustrating than a child who is crying and we don't know how to deal with it, and I think that's where a lot of the frustration lies and that's where the shaking takes place and abuse takes place, and education is key to that. And the fact that they