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Essentially, then, we adopted this adult interstate compact. And we have now had to hire an interstate compact administrator, the accompanying support staff in...I think, was in excess of \$100,000. And on the front-line service, as far as probationary services, I think things, for the most part, are unchanged from prior to the adoption of the adult interstate compact, to post-adoption. So that's why I have a little apprehension relative to LB 4, from my perspective with the adult system. Senator Thompson, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Senator Thompson, I'm assuming we already have a compact administrator in that apparatus?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes, we do.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And then, that's why the fiscal note of this is relatively small, then, I would assume.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Right.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: In...on page 3 of the fiscal note, there's language in here which indicates what this new compact incorporates; essentially, three amendments to the interstate compact. And the fiscal note indicates these three amendments are only partially accepted by the states across the nation. Their inception was based in part on states disagreeing on compact language and how it applies or does not apply to their state. Can you articulate what the other states' reservations were relative to some of these amendments, and who the states were and what their concerns are? And, are we being asked today, then, to adopt all three of the amendments?

SENATOR THOMPSON: I'm sorry, I was unable to...my fiscal note isn't pink, so I'm having trouble finding it. So could you...is this on...

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: On page 3 of the fiscal note,...