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study is we don't even know what type of treatment is required and what type of treatment we already have in place. If we add this to the bill, we don't even know if we have the capacity to treat these individuals today. So what we would be saying statutorily, they have to complete this assessment this...and the treatment, but we don't know if the treatment or the assessment capacity exists. So all I'm saying is, let's let the study go forward and we will add this in January to the legislation that will follow this, regarding treatment. So is that...Senator Synowiecki, and again I absolutely think he is the voice on this matter, but I just think we're putting the cart before the horse. He is saying they have to get treatment and assessment, or assessment and treatment. We don't know if we have the capacity to provide that service to these abusers. So I'm saying let's study it, let's find out if we have that capacity and then let's add this in, in January. thing is, is what...we don't know what the cost of this is. We didn't have a hearing on this particular matter so we don't know I'm very sympathetic. I think Senator what it costs. Synowiecki is absolutely on the right track, but I just think we need to study it, get a firm grip...a firm grasp on what we're attempting to do here, and implement it come January. that, I would urge you to reject this amendment at this time, and then I'll be advocating for something in a similar form come January. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Synowiecki, yours is the only light on. You may either speak or close.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I'll close, Senator, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're recognized to close.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: The current statutes already indicate...I'm reading current statute now: Any person convicted of violating this section, if placed on probation, shall, as a condition of probation, satisfactorily attend and complete treatment and counseling. So it's already in there, and they're already required to attain this treatment and counseling. All this amendment does is update our statutes to recognize the