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would help their base also. He said he didn't know if that was true or not, but that we could look at it between now and Select. And I look forward to doing that, to make sure that if we're going to expand the base for people that have established programs that took state money, that we ought to also do that for ones that are locally funded. And I have talked to Senator Raikes, and we don't know if we know the answer to that question. But hopefully we'll get it between now and Select. Is that right, Senator Raikes?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Raikes, will you respond?

SENATOR RAIKES: That's right, Senator Connealy. I...it's a good question. I don't know the answer to it. But I will see what I can do to find out.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Connealy. Senator Howard, your light is on next.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I am very supportive of my learned colleagues in this early preventative program. And I have some additional information that I think you might be interested in hearing. This comes from Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, Nebraska law enforcement members. And they write, a key to crime prevention is investing early in programs proven to get kids started on the right track so they never turn to crime and violence. Pre-kindergarten is precisely this type of a program. And they cite an example of a preschool program and an early education program in Michigan. And that gave them enough information to come to the conclusion that children excluded from this program were five times more likely to become chronic offenders with five or more arrests by the age of 27, as compared to children who were enrolled in this type of a program. Further, this was a 35-year study that showed the program saved over \$17 for every dollar spent, \$11 of which were crime cost savings. Now, you take this information, and you look at it in terms of Nebraska. Nebraska ranks 34 in the nation, for its size, in investing in