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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I want to speak a little bit about the bill and Senator Synowiecki. I did make the comment the other day on the bill, about the problems that we're having in my local area in the health department. And the reason that we're having more prostitutions or, I wouldn't necessarily say that, but sex traded for drugs, and that's because, mainly because of the meth problems that we're having in our area, throughout the state. Several years ago we only had several individuals that came to the health department for tests, as far as the sexually transmitted diseases. That has increased a lot in the last couple years. I think we're up, in the last report that I got, in the 20s, 25 people, of people coming in, you know, and getting tests for sexually transmitted diseases. I think we have the opportunity, you know, to try to help these individuals with, also with this amendment, with the trafficking problem, with the health departments that we already have established. You know, they can be utilized for that, also. I think there is a need for trying to give them some help, some assistance, but the real underlying problem is the drug addictions, and I think we need to try to get the people off of that. So there needs to be treatment for that. You know, I think this thing is going to continue to escalate in time, and in the next several years, but we really need to address it right now. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Mr. Clerk, announcement, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Education Committee will have an Exec Session at 11:45, in Room 2022.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Further discussion? Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I kind of dominated Senator Fischer's time on her last go-round, so I will give the balance of my time. But before I do, to Senator Fischer, Senator Fischer, it indicates in the A bill that the state aid to provide prostitution intervention and treatment,