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Synowiecki would like to have ongoing funding, and I'm not saying that I'm opposed to that. I'm just simply saying, for the sake of consistency or fairness in this process, and making sure that we have the opportunity to reevaluate what we're doing, and whether or not \$750,000 is the right number. I don't know if it is. I think Senator Synowiecki can say that in Minnesota it was, and that he can talk to the providers and say they would like to have this money, but again, that will come through the next budget, which is what this language takes out, is making sure the Appropriations Committee comes back and looks at it. If the body doesn't want to do that, totally understand that, and we're going to look to see if there's some resolution here, and I'd be happy to yield time back to Senator Bourne.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Thank you, Senator Erdman. When I was talking to Senator Erdman and Senator Brashear earlier, we talked about how, obviously, no appropriation can bind future legislators, and I was wondering if...then I had a discussion with Senator Synowiecki. I was wondering if he would yield to a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BOURNE: Basically, what is at issue here is I understand what Senator Erdman wants to do--not make this an ongoing obligation of the Legislature. But when I talk to Senator Synowiecki, he talks about how these vendors of the services won't get up and generate these programs unless they recognize that there is an ongoing source of money. Senator Synowiecki, could you kind of indicate to us what you're envisioning as it relates to vendors or institutions providing the type of counseling that you're talking about?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Well...thank you, Senator Bourne, Senator Cudaback. Well, that's precisely where we're at, is if we do this at a one-time funding--precisely what I'm trying to do, and that is to bring on more service providers to do probation, or excuse me, prostitution-specific treatment--I'm afraid we won't