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days prior to the release for violent offenders, repeat offenders, and child predators who refuse treatment. This bill also advocates, and this is the portion of the bill where, quite frankly, the state is going to have to spend some money if we decide we want to go forward with this. Right now when an individual is released from prison and is a registered sex offender, there is simply an obligation to register, but we do not watch that individual. So what we're suggesting is that there are several types of offenders who are so dangerous to society and a danger to our children that they should be supervised by probation and parole. So it establishes supervision of sex offenders who have committed more than one sex offense, who have raped a child under 12, or have forcibly raped an individual 12 years of age or older. The supervision will be conducted by parole administration, and the offender must follow the conditions or be subject to further prison time. And I would like to point out that this component should allow municipalities to rest easy in that this individual would have to go to his parole officer and say I want to live in this particular place, in this particular community, and if that parole officer thinks that that's not a good idea, then obviously that person wouldn't be able to locate there. So as far as our cities and municipalities, we have two levels of protection. We do allow them to adopt certain residency restrictions in certain ways, but those offenders who we should be most afraid of are also going to have supervision. The last component of this bill, as amended, creates a working group of individuals to provide recommendations regarding the credentialing and training of sex offender treatment professionals, and adds...and the creation of mandated sex offender treatment standards. This was a bill that was introduced by Senator Pedersen, Dwite Pedersen that is, and we heard this in our hearing, had great testimony on it, and we decided to include it in our package. With that, I would be happy to answer any questions. I know the bill is extensive and comprehensive. I'd be happy to answer any questions that anyone might have.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President.