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lature, I would attempt to correct some of the misconceptions that have been strewn around particularly with regard to administrative costs. There is no way through the adoption or rejection of this amendment, necessarily, that you are going to affect administrative costs at all but we ought to talk about the situation. Now Senator Lewis cites to you two regions and he declined to name them or failed to name them that had administrative costs in excess of 20%. Those regions are the two smallest, regions 2 and 3. Region 3, under this amendment, is not going to receive any additional funding. They have sufficient funding for this fiscal year and they had administrative costs of 21%. Region 2 which would receive \$26,000 through this amendment had administrative costs of 22%. Now the reason for administrative costs...I might add that region 5 had administrative costs of 14% and region 10 and region 6 of 10%. The reason for that being is that they are larger regions and, therefore, their administrative costs would naturally be smaller because it would reflect a smaller portion of their budget. If you have a small region with a small budget, the number of people that they have administrating is going to reflect, of course, quite naturally a higher percentage and really relates, not at all, to the efficiency or the overloading of administrative costs at all. In addition to that, what we are talking about in this \$600,000 is program and not administration. We are talking about continuing what is already being provided. We are talking about mentally retarded children who are already participating in a program, and in order for them to continue to participate in a program which this Legislature mandated and initiated, the funds have to be provided. Senator Mahoney, apparently, now wants to put that back on property tax or the counties. Senator Lewis has indicated that the counties are already and have from the beginning and have always paid more than their fair share of this program. This Legislature and every member in the Legislature has made tremendous political hay out of our funding of mental retarded programs but we have never completed our obligation to the mentally retarded. We have never fulfilled our complete promise to the mentally retarded and funded it in a capacity and under the terms that we have promulgated that we would fund it and that is a deception that we have committed both on the counties and the property taxpayers of the state and the mentally retarded and it should not continue, although it will continue even with the adoption of this amendment and the only thing that this amendment will do is provide the regions with sufficient funding to continue their programs, programs that are already in operation. I have a letter from Mr. Arnold Carmel, of the Director of the State Office of Mental Retardation to Dr. Cleavinger, Director of State Institutions in which he urges inclusion of the \$500,000 requested by the region 6 in the budget and states that if the amount is not provided that approximately 8% of the programs operated by ENCORE will have to be curtailed or terminated for the next fiscal year and that is all this amendment is addressing itself to, whether we are going to continue the programs that we have encouraged and initiated or whether we are going to terminate them in midstream and I think that this Legislature has a clear obligation to continue those programs and I urge the adoption of the amendment.