

state do not have any aging services and this would take out the requirement that they start to develop those in the next five years. The next change provides for definitions for area program plan, community aging services, Senior Service Center. Those were just to clarify what those were intended to mean. The next change was the planning and service areas for aging services will be the same as for mental health, mental retardation and alcoholism service regions. What we are trying to do there is not have any duplication, to try and use the same region areas. We are essentially talking about the same social service type of an area and so we felt that there was no need to have different regions for different services. We could use the same regions for the same types of social program services that we have so aging would match the same areas that we now are serving mental health, mental retardation and alcoholism. The area Agency on Aging will be proposed by elected officials. It is not much change. The state-federal match to local match is changed from eighty-four to sixteen, to eighty-four to twenty-five. Now what we are trying to do again is parallel what we are already doing with other social services. We are going to give them the same regions as these other social services. We are going to give them the same match essentially as these other services so that the locals will be, I think, familiar with the same types of state/local areas and matching formulas so that we don't have duplication and that there is a lot of similarity between the different social services we provide in this state. The next change is the items which can comprise local match are modified. That is a small change and the director of each area Agency on Aging will be selected from a list submitted by the governing board for each region to the State Commission on Aging. What we were trying to accomplish here is deal with the problem that we have found in other regions in the state. What we found, there was a controversy out west in the Panhandle with an area Agency on Aging. There was a bill by Senator Nichol which would have taken the State Agency on Aging and placed it under the Governor. We killed that bill and in lieu of that, recognizing the problem that Senator Nichol identified, said the better thing to do is to have these local area Agency on Aging directors have some accountability to the State Aging Agency and that feeling was that that would provide the oversight that we needed to take care of that problem. So that is the purpose of that amendment. I think that pretty well summarizes the different changes we make. In summary, what we are trying to do again is to limit the cost of the program, to try and better parallel the present social service regions and matching formulas. We are trying to have greater accountability of these area Agency on Aging heads to the state Agency on Aging and I