

that in all probability is going to be costing somewhere between 500 to \$900,000. Now, members of the body, where do we get that money? That will come from General Fund which will be taking monies from somebody because we don't have that much money around. So we're talking about taking resources and putting in from, taking it from X and shifting it to Y. Senator Kristensen does it to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars. This amendment is simply saying, let's go on the same playing field, let's talk about policy. Do we, in this body, think our young people deserve, if they need treatment, to go to treatment first before the hammer drops later on? It's during the 21 and younger years that they begin the habits, they begin the criteria of becoming serious addictions to alcohol and we must, at some point, recognize that we need treatment as a possibility for those young people's success. And I would be more than willing, and, Senator Kristensen, I say on the record now, that if the amendment is agreed to on Select File, I will come back with the amendment that says there will be an evaluation of the student and if the evaluation shows that the student needs treatment, then this amendment kicks in and they will have three months of treatment. If the evaluation shows that treatment is not necessary, then this amendment will not kick in and we go with the bill as it now rides. Only those, by the time we're finished, that need treatment will get it. And we all know that the best chance of our children when they have alcohol and drug related problems is to get help there soon, not later, soon, because the way the bill is now, the only help they will get treatmentwise will be when it's too late and that's sad and we don't need to do that. This amendment will help the young, it will get the treatment to those that need it and I urge the body to take that step, put a helping hand, say we're not only here to punish, we're here to guide.

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: And this is a way that we guide our young people to be productive citizens. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Bernard-Stevens has closed. The motion pending is the adoption of Bernard-Stevens' amendment to the committee amendment. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Takes a simple majority of those voting. Have you all voted? Senator Bernard-Stevens.