

bill introduced to change where the funds are going.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You're up to...you're up to...you're up to...I apologize for my ignorance because some of these things I don't understand that well, and I'd just like to get it clear in my own mind before I decide how I want to vote on this legislation. One of the questions I would also like to ask Senator Rasmussen a question, if I could.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Rasmussen, would you respond to a question, please.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You've been talking about the pilot programs, and I was curious about how many states, in fact, have these kinds of programs in our area. Could you tell me if there are other states who are doing this now and where they are, or maybe some of them?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, there are other states. Every state was given planning dollars to try and get ready for full implementation of this. About half the states have, maybe a little less than half, and I'll check on the exact numbers, there are folks around that could give you the exact numbers, about less than half the states have...have now bought into this program of service coordination of a family support plan. And I know...I believe Iowa is one of them. I don't know exactly what other ones around us have bought into it and are in full compliance and getting the dollars from the federal level. Some of them are leveraging Medicaid dollars and some are not. There are also those that are leveraging Medicaid dollars that are not doing the service coordination, they are just using it for special education. There's kind of three different scenarios out there.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But you really...my...my...I guess I need to clarify why I asked the question. I wondered if these are more metropolitan states, or are they rural? As you obviously, understand, I come from the rural area, and I have a concern again, as I think was expressed earlier by Senator Bromm, and that's how it's going to be...what the value is going to be to the area that I serve. And, obviously, that should not be the only reason for voting for or against something, but it certainly has an impact on how it might affect my district and