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SENATOR WESELY: ...that's as brief a summary as I can of the situation, the background, and what I think the bill accomplishes. And, again, if there are questions, I'd be happy to help. I know Senator Bernard-Stevens would as well.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'd like to ask Senator Stevens on the fiscal impact of this bill. Please, may I ask you a question or two.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I read the part, as I look at it, it is a...it will be funded by fees, I presume. Now the part that concerns me is on page 5, on the Department of Public Institutions, and would you like to respond to that page where they say that they'd either have to, evidently, let some people go if they don't attain these certain levels of certification and so forth.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator, are you on the A bill or are you on the bill?

SENATOR ROBINSON: I am on the fiscal note.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. Could you repeat the question again because I didn't...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Can you explain, evidently these people are working now for DPI, and supposedly they are in positions that they would have to attain a higher rank of certification, and I guess my question is, what do you do with those people, and what is the cost?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, thank you. In checking with the legal counsel for the Health Committee, and I appreciated her input, it is in the bill, Senator Robinson, I think on page 37 of the bill and, basically, what we've done is, yes, the agencies will have to comply with this, but we've given them six years to do so.