

as long as they get treatment immediately upon parole, which can be done quite easily. They know when they are going to be paroled, or at least be considered for parole. Most of them know when they...pretty good idea when they are going to be paroled, and they can set up a date ahead of time to go to the Hastings Regional Center and get excellent in-patient treatment. If not, they can pay for treatment on their own from other places, but treatment is very much available. If you have read it, it says, the substance abuse therapy required by this section, 83-179, shall be provided by the department prior to the first parole eligibility date of the committed offender. If the board finds that the department did not provide adequate access or availability to the committed offender prior to the first parole eligibility date, the board may waive the requirement of this section only if, as a condition of parole, the committed offender agrees to attend and complete therapy which is approved by the board. If there is any questions, I would be glad to answer them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Any discussion on the motion to return to Select File? Seeing none, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the motion to return the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 677E returns to Select File. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I just move that we go ahead and pass this on. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, and members. Could you clarify again, Senator Pedersen, what this does? This allows you to be paroled, and then instead of going out to Hastings for treatment, you can go somewhere else for...

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Hastings would only be one of the choices, I'm saying, Senator Wesely. Hastings, if they do not have the finances, there are some of these prisoners actually who would have family members and stuff who would pay for private treatment, but they still have to get treatment, and they can get on the Hastings, it takes about 35 to 40 days waiting list