

intent to provide an array of services ranging from intensive in-home therapy, specialized foster care, alternative home placement and temporary permanent residential care. It deletes entitlement to services as described in the plan. States the intent for preference of...to in community and in state service. It does strike sections repealing statutes, you know, authorizing Nebraska School for the Deaf and Nebraska School for the Visually Impaired as separate entities, deletes legislative confirmation of the Governor appointments to the planning team. It deletes department authority to use the schools for the deaf and visually impaired for habitual...for habilitation or mental health services for other types of handicapped children, transfers school property to the department and the seller leased unused facilities at the schools or make them available to other state agencies. I think that pretty well covers. It does require a proposal by the planning team for a process for reviewing out-of-state placements as opposed to an explicit process limiting use of state expenditures for out-of-state placements. I think that pretty well explains the committee amendments, Madam President. And if someone would like to ask some questions, I would like to try to answer them. Maybe Senator Rasmussen would do a better job.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator. Thank you, Senator Dierks. Mr. Clerk, do you have amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Wehrbein and Hall would move to amend the committee amendments. (The Wehrbein-Hall amendment appears on page 1904 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker and members, this amendment simply would allow for additional use of both the School for the Deaf in Omaha and the School for the Visually Handicapped at Nebraska City. There is no hidden agenda in this particular amendment. It simply allows an expanded use of those buildings. In this case, I am thinking of things like foster care emergency, community college classes, something like that, something of that nature, that these buildings could be used for in addition to the purpose they are being used for now. It doesn't necessarily mean that they will be, especially in the case of Nebraska City because it is fairly well utilized now in terms of space. It might be a little more use allowed for in Omaha at the School for the Deaf. Realizing the bill is...faces