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SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, Senator Withem, can I ask you, maybe ask you that question? Because I really don't know the...

SENATOR WITHEM: I'm sorry, I was...

SENATOR ASHFORD: The question that I need answered is, if a school board elects to do so, can they make as a requirement of for a job applicant to become a teacher or an employee of the school district, can that district board by resolution require that a criminal background check be done of that potential employee?

SENATOR WITHEM: That is my understanding of what the bill does.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, is there anything in state, is there anything in state law that would prohibit?

SENATOR WITHEM: I am not aware of any current prohibition against that practice, but I'm not an expert on the bill or why the bill is needed.

SENATOR ASHFORD: The only reason I am asking you is I thought maybe that had come up at the hearings or...that's the question I need an answer to. If a school district can already do the check now and if we can't get into the federal system without fingerprints and fingerprints are now out of the bill, I guess the question that I've got to have answered is why do we have the bill? And maybe at some point I can get an answer to that and that will be pretty critical on the way I vote anyway. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Okay, items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I appreciate the opportunity to interrupt very quickly. New bills. (Read LBs 1193-1236 by title for the first time. See pages 411-20 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we go to the next speaker, I would like to introduce some guests of the Legislature. We have 11 students from the District 13 School and their teacher and they are in the south balcony. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank