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**SENATOR CUDABACK:** Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Wehrbein and Thompson.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am offering an amendment to the mainline budget bill to strike all of the funding for this program. I'm not surprised that the groups that Senator Thompson mentioned would favor it because it's the state paying the cost.. The state is footing the bill. I would like to ask Senator Thompson a question, if she would yield.

**SENATOR CUDABACK:** Would you yield, Senator Thompson?

**SENATOR THOMPSON:** Yes, Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Senator Thompson, if a person got one of these loans and said, I'm going to teach in one of these areas that will be branded as inferior to every other area, therefore you give a bounty on those children and you give a greater amount of reduction which, by the way, is insulting to those of us who are having our children branded in that fashion, but that's not the issue at this point, and that student would decide not to pay the loan back or teach in one of these areas, what would happen?

**SENATOR THOMPSON:** The normal process of a person who defaults on a loan would go into effect by the institution.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** And what would...what...which institution would do this? The institution from which the person had graduated?

**SENATOR THOMPSON:** Yes.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** How much would it cost to recover on a default, if you know?

**SENATOR THOMPSON:** I don't know.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Do you know if there are institutions that do engage actively in pursuing students who have defaulted on