

students to transfer to a technical school, technical community college and pick up their credits and still be within the 17 year compulsory limit? Or does that have nothing to do with what the bill is doing?

SENATOR BEUTLER: The bill itself does not address that possibility. If that was true before, it is true now. It doesn't change the law in that regard. Interestingly enough the early transfer bill that I put in this year, Senator Kahle, would provide for that in a limited sense and possibly in the future in a more expanded sense exactly what you are talking about but this particular bill doesn't change that situation. Now...well, it doesn't change it.

SENATOR KAHLE: Thank you, and I guess this is one of my concerns. I think one of the problems we have and I know that there is a lot more vocational training in some of our high schools than in others and some of our small high schools have a difficult time providing very much technical training. But I think maybe this is some of the reason for the dropout of students and I know some states do a lot better job of that than we do. So I couldn't really support this kind of legislation unless there was an option for them to go or to spend that last year or two that they have to spend in school in some sort of a technical education. As Senator Lamb and I were just discussing here, it is pretty hard to get a kid interested in English and maybe some of the other things that we have but he may want to take a technical education, and I think we ought to have that option. That is one of the problems that Nebraska has. I don't believe we...we force them into a curriculum that after they reach that age above 16 they may not want or maybe shouldn't be forced into because what we need is people with skills, and I wish there was some way we could teach ambition. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support LB 305. As you know, our military services are interested in having high school graduates apply for military service. Our reserve forces are interested in having high school graduates apply for military training. If the age limit is 16, that student may decide as soon as he or she is of legal age to try and go out and work, then that same student discovers that really not a very good paying job is available when you don't have the high school diploma, so they will join the military services and they may when they are 17. However, if LB 305 is adopted, that student will be