

counselors around the state, if you want to look at some of those.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, I'd like to.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: I did not make it available, but here is one example. Lincoln Northeast High School found that 40 of the 200 juniors who took the test decided to register for a senior math class after that test was given. So...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Do you know what the requirements that they had before that time in math, you are talking about northwest, I would think they'd have lots of math courses and they probably always have an excellent guidance department. What is their math sequence? Maybe you could provide that information afterwards. But I simply rise...

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes, I'll have to ask.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...simply rise, you know, I think testing is good and all types of testing and so forth. But, you know, can we overdo it and is it really going to have a lasting effect. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Scofield, would you care to close?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Yes, just briefly, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to comment on a question which is very legitimate that Senator Hartnett just raised. At this point, Senator Hartnett, you are right, we don't have as much of a track record on this as we might like, although the early returns look good. But from the other states that this is modeled after, Ohio, Illinois and Louisiana, Ohio has the oldest program and has been running since 1977. The percentage of entering freshmen at Ohio State University, whose first math course was at a remedial level, dropped from 42 percent to 25 percent, which I think is a pretty impressive drop. The percentage of entering OSU freshmen, whose first math class was at the college level, in other words something like algebra, trig or calculus, increased from 34 percent to 43 percent. So those are the best figures we have to go on right now on what has happened in other states. The trend has been favorable. So I think that is the best we can go at. Let me also respond to questions that Senator Haberman raised that I didn't have at hand when he asked them. Senator