

selecting young people in our communities that are...have potential but have not been recognized by the school leaders. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, echo Senator Hannibal and Senator Hartnett's concerns. When I put my light on I was curious and I have some unanswered questions, particularly about the mechanics of how these students will be chosen. And perhaps somebody could respond to that. Senator Barrett, could you respond to that?

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: It says, of course, that you nominate by the high school. Is that correct? Or the high school informs the students of this program?

SENATOR BARRETT: Each member of this Legislature, Senator Pirsch, will be able to nominate two people from his or her legislative district to be candidates for the Legislature's Youth Academy. The nominations...

SENATOR PIRSCH: But that is drawn from a list of nominees submitted by high schools located within the district. And then that is reviewed by the Director of Research to verify their eligibility.

SENATOR BARRETT: That's...

SENATOR PIRSCH: So we come in at the end, I understand that.

SENATOR BARRETT: We come in at the beginning, Senator Pirsch, when the high schools submit to us, or when we...excuse me, when they submit the names to us then we will nominate from that list of people. So...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, but to be nominated they have to fill out...or they have to be recommended by the high school. I don't know if they have to fill out anything or not. And then when they are nominated the Director of Research verifies the eligibility, that is in Section 7.