

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And then it is given to us, as I understand it.

SENATOR BARRETT: The Executive Board then will make the final decision.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Pardon?

SENATOR BARRETT: I believe the Executive Board, in the bill, makes the final decision, as I remember it.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, I thought the senator made the final decision. Says selection shall be made by the member of the Legislature representing the legislative district from a list of nominees...

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...submitted by high schools located within the district.

SENATOR BARRETT: I stand corrected, you're right, Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So we have the final decision.

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes, and the Executive Board will determine the application, the form it will take.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And then those are just passed out to the high schools and the high schools will...counselors will encourage those who are at risk?

SENATOR BARRETT: That's correct.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So those will...those decisions will all be made at the high school level, and then the Director of Research will verify eligibility. What does that mean?

SENATOR BARRETT: Eligibility criteria will be developed by the Executive Board, and then the appointment of the advisory committee of educators is optional, according to the bill.