

year. We indicate that students opting out of their resident school district shall not be counted by the resident school district for purposes of maintaining the minimum enrollment of 25 pupils, as required by the existing law. An amendment provides that cancellation of enrollment option shall be automatically approved by the option district to be effective for the following school year. The minimum period of enrollment in an option school is one school year, unless the student graduates or his or her family moves, this is to prevent students from taking an option, going to another school district that's made plans to include that student and only staying there for a few weeks. They have to stay for a year. Should also be pointed out, I suppose, that the bill itself calls for students getting only one option during their school career. They can opt into another district once, if they don't like that, with the committee amendment they can go back to their original school district but then that is it, they can't do any other opting around. It would be unlawful for any employee, agent or legal representative of the school district to promote or encourage students from another district to attend their school district. This forestalls any recruitment by any school representative to entice students to attend that particular school district. We felt that it ought to be a parent option, if they are dissatisfied with their existing school district, it ought to be their option to move to another district, but we shouldn't have representative of that other school district out recruiting them. And also finally we have a proposal dealing with desegregation plans. There are some school districts in the state, one school district in the state that is under a desegregation plan. We would give the option of denying specific students transferring from that district to other districts, if it were to interfere with the desegregation plan. It's not my desire, necessarily, to do that. I think it's just something we have to do to keep that school district under the guidance of the desegregation plan as it is currently written. Those are the committee amendments. I know that there are amendments to the committee amendments. I would simply close on the committee amendments by saying that this is your Education Committee's best attempt to send a bill to the floor that we think is a major, important bill, in as good a shape as we could get it at the time. This is also an idea that is being debated and discussed, not just in Nebraska but in most...frankly most states in the Union. As we continue to hear ideas that are debated and discussed in other states, you'll be seeing new ideas come to the floor. I think that is what you're going to