

SENATOR LAMB: That's the one that we've just had, just had distributed.

SENATOR BAACK: This is the one that was just handed out, it's AM0502.

SENATOR LAMB: Okay, then that, that doesn't have anything to do with permission being granted by either of the school districts, the receiving district or the sending district.

SENATOR BAACK: No, this is, this is...all this is is some clarifying language that says that they will...See, right now it says that they will...that the student transferring will just simply fill out an application, it doesn't say that they're going to have to state reasons why they are transferring. In Minnesota, where the plan is in place, they don't have to state any reason, they just say we want to transfer. This sets it out that they do have to state reasons.

SENATOR LAMB: They have to state the reason, but does anybody judge as to whether or not that reason is sufficient? Is it a good reason, you know, is it one that is substantial and that a school official or someone with experience would believe is sufficient to allow the transfer.

SENATOR BAACK: Well, I suppose that you could always assume that parents are going to lie about the reasons. But I think the parents are going to be more truthful than that, and I think they are going to state the reasons that they are leaving. And I think that they'll have to point to things like...that the district they are going to offers either a foreign language or math, for example, or something, some reason that their district doesn't offer that they can get at this district, and that's going to have to be a reason on there.

SENATOR LAMB: It is a reason, but there's no, there's no kicker, there's no...nothing in there that makes it mandatory that that reason has to be substantial. I mean it could be a frivolous reason, and that would still allow the person to apply for a transfer. Right?

SENATOR BAACK: That is very possible, but I think that the school board of the local district then would be aware that it was a frivolous reason and they wouldn't have to make any