

out. I would be willing to look at an amendment if it was written such that we possibly talked about a two-year commitment or something, but four years I think is absolutely too much. I think it puts the resident school district in a bind because if they do make the changes, they simply cannot get those pupils back. So I...so, with that, I would urge the body to reject this amendment. I will be glad to work with Senator Lamb for some other language that deals with this problem, but this is certainly not the language that does it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the Lamb amendment to the committee amendment. I think this is a reasonable length of time, four years. I don't think that we want to see students transferring back and forth like in the original committee amendment, they just have to commit themselves to one year. I think if we're serious about this, we should say, you've got to analyze it, you've got to take time to analyze it and then go from there. And so I would, at this time, encourage you to support the Lamb amendment to the committee amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Moore, followed by Senators Withem, Abboud and Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support Senator Lamb's amendment and I don't know about Senator Hefner and Senator Lamb, I will be supporting this amendment and I plan to be supporting this bill at least on General File this morning to advance it because I think it's a concept we have to look at and I think Senator Lamb has brought forth here an amendment that makes some good sense. I think this whole idea of school choice has to be taken very...has to be taken very seriously by a family and if, by doing so, you're locking them into a long-term commitment, they're going to think long and hard about transferring school districts. Now transferring school districts should not be a knee-jerk reaction. It should not be a reaction to maybe a losing athletic team. It should not be a reaction to a disciplinary action that the student had, they get mad and they want to transfer districts. You should not transfer schools because of those things. You should transfer schools because of the curriculum the different school offers, you think they're a better school, that's the reason you should be allowed to transfer. And if you can move back and forth, I