

allow a student, who gets into disciplinary problems in one school, to merely transfer districts and transfer that disciplinary problem to another district. The district, the option district cannot prohibit the transfer under the present version of the bill because of previous disciplinary problems he has in his or her resident district. This is the gist of the amendment. Very simple amendment. Strikes three words from the bill. I would ask that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the amendment. Senators Baack, Bernard-Stevens and Withem.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I rise in opposition to this amendment and the main reason that I do is because these are some of the kids that we might really be able to help with the ability to have a choice to change school districts. We have some kids here that are on the...at the at-risk...they talk about kids being at risk and these are some of the kids that may be involved in that situation. And I think we should...in Minnesota where they passed theirs, they have one section of statute that deals just with at-risk kids and gives them more opportunity to transfer even than your regular students do. So I would argue against this. I think these are some of the students that might be helped if they have been involved and had some problems at a school district, changing to a new school district might turn those children around and might give them a better opportunity for an education and I think that's what this bill is all about. So I would simply rise in opposition to this. I think these are some of the kids that we might be able to help with the choice bill and we would certainly...and we would be cutting them out of this bill if we add this amendment and I don't think we ought to do that. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly, I'm somewhat hesitant on this particular amendment. My one feeling would be, Senator Lamb, that if the body might go ahead and agree with the amendment and if a school district wanted then to have a parent take them to court on that particular...on the appeal process, I think if the district wanted to do that, that would be fine. I suspect that's what would happen that a parent or student on those particular reasons on the ejection would then go through the appeals process and I think that would