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SENATOR SCHIMEK: I don't believe, Senator Bernard-Stevens, that it takes the Department of Education that long. I think it is the testing institution in New Jersey that takes that long, and I might also clarify a little bit for you that it depends on what part of the state you live in as to when you can get these different tests because Chadron gives the test, Creighton gives the test, Kearney State College gives the test, UN-L, and so on. There is a whole list of institutions that actually give the test, and they all do the testing at different times. So you would also have to, perhaps if you were at the end of the school year, or at the beginning of the school year and trying to get certified and you lived out in Scottsbluff, it is possible you might have to come down to Lincoln in that period of time, too, and take the test. It is sort of just an administrative problem more than anything.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Also, Senator Schimek, you introduced this on behalf of the Department of Education, is that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Did they indicate to you how many teachers actually this would affect if we would not pass this amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, and I doubt that there would be any way to predict that because we don't know how many new teachers would be in any given school district at this particular time, nor do we know how many of those new teachers would be coming from out of state. I don't know if they have that kind of data at this point.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So, Senator Schimek, I am just trying to play with the numbers here a little bit. If a person, and on your handout it says a person hired August 25th, they have their contract cancelled after 60 days and it takes 90 days for them to get the test back, that school district apparently then is incapable of hiring a substitute for a few weeks in order for waiting for the teacher to be certified? I mean if a school district really wants an instructor who fits in this very narrow category, they have no options available or no other teachers to be hired, no substitutes that they could hire to fill in while they wait for that one teacher that they want, is that not