

child abuse, if we are concerned about trying to help these children, I think you will want to support this amendment and allow the department the opportunity to move in this manner. The bill also includes the State Patrol, which asks for that addition. That is the only change from the bill, I believe, as it was introduced, and also the change on liability which the school boards asked for. Those are the only other changes from when the bill was introduced and I do believe those changes take care of some concerns, and I would ask for the suspension of the rules to allow this amendment to be considered.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, please, followed by Senator Chambers. Okay, Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to start by asking Senator Wesely a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, oh, and by the way, for those in the body, this amendment can be found printed on pages 1851 and 1852, and Senator Wesely, I am reading, starting in line 10, where it says, "The law enforcement agency or department shall notify the parent or guardian of the child that an interview has taken place within a reasonable time subsequent to such interview." What is a reasonable time?

SENATOR WESELY: That would depend on circumstance. I think that is the reason that reasonable is in there. If after the interview on the school grounds, they find a situation, maybe there was a complaint filed, they talked to the child, from their review they don't see a problem, I think that you would say reasonable would be the next day or very quickly. If in that discussion they find grounds to be concerned, then, obviously, there may need to be some follow-up and what have you, and it may take a couple of days before they feel appropriate to go to the parent. I guess I would want to give them the opportunity to determine on a case by case basis what is reasonable.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, how much training do these law enforcement agencies have in interrogating children without having notified the parents and outside the parents kin?