

looking at this bill, when I look at line 5, it says the law enforcement agency or department shall be given unrestricted access by any school or any person or entity, so to me that is absolutely too broad, unrestricted access. Does that mean that they have...the school, they will have no say-so whatsoever about when or where or how they come on the school grounds and deal with this child? I am asking Senator Wesely, if he would respond.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, we put that in there specifically because right now most of the schools do provide access and are very cooperative. There are some schools, however, that do not provide the access and place restrictions on that access, and make it next to impossible to utilize this.

SENATOR SMITH: But unrestricted to me makes it...I don't believe that the purpose for our children being in school, and I realize what you are trying to do. I know that there are times when you can't deal with this child in the home setting, when you have a suspect as far as abuse is concerned, and I am like Senator Chambers, I have the concern that we all have in here, but I am finding after working with Senator Scofield during the noon hour that this is just not so easy to achieve without creating some other problems. I think the biggest problem that we really have when we were discussing this, a number of us said it almost goes back to the fact that the lack of the dollars maybe, and the training, and the qualifications and the numbers of people that are out there doing this really, really, very, very important job on behalf of children, and, you know, we end up giving them...bad mouthing the Department of Social Services and in many ways they are not to blame because they are not...many of those people out there they have to hire, their salaries are not high enough, so they can't get people that are really truly qualified. They probably don't have adequate funds to train them appropriately, and maybe those are the things that we should be addressing instead of trying to put into law what's good judgment or sound judgment. I, at this point in time, don't believe I can support this amendment to the legislation, Senator Wesely. I don't even like the idea where you talk about back here...I have another question, on page 1852, where it says (2) at the bottom of the page, you are starting starting with line 7 there, that little underlined section that says, "Any person who provides unrestricted access to a child who is a