

suspected victim of abuse or neglect pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed." Is that the standard or the level of their immunity at this point in time, or is this increasing their immunity? The workers evidently you are speaking to here. Who are you speaking about?

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Smith, that is in there, as I mentioned earlier, by the school board's desire. If you look right above it on Section 1, it is essentially the same...

SENATOR SMITH: Oh, it is the board that is not...that is not held liable because of the access.

SENATOR WESELY: The schools want it, if they open up and allow the department to come in, they were concerned about a liability issue. And if you look, it is essentially the same language that is just above it, only it applies to...

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, I understand. I am sorry I misconstrued that one section there.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, that is okay.

SENATOR SMITH: I thought you were speaking to the worker who came in.

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SENATOR SMITH: All right. Thank you very much. At this point, because of the way it is worded, I don't like especially the word "unrestricted" access. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please, followed by Senator Abboud.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, clearly from the discussion, there is a lot of concern about the amendment. I bring it to you for a couple of reasons. First off, again emphasizing how much of a problem we have in child abuse in this state. We have 7,000 some cases reported, 4,000 some confirmed, and to find the truth, to identify who is being hurt, who is being abused, and what the situation is, in some cases, you have trouble working through the home of the child involved. You need to go to the school. The vast majority of schools have