

Department of Education makes recommendations, they can ignore them or accept them. Right? Is that...is this commission the 12-member of...

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes.

SENATOR PETERSON: So they really don't have much authority, as I read it, the advisory commission.

SENATOR WITHEM: No, and if that's a problem with the bill, it might be a good improvement is to give them the authority. I don't know if legally we can give them the authority to distribute dollars or not but it might be a good improvement to the bill to give them more authority.

SENATOR PETERSON: Well, I had a bill before public health a week ago and taking away the advisory and make them a subcommittee or something like that where they had some authority because I'm seeing more and more that these advisory committees are formed and not doing...they...well, this Department of Education and Department of Public Institutions, or what, doesn't seem to mean anything to them, whatever they say, they ignore it. And so I have a problem with structuring this with 12 people and funding them to come in for meetings and the Department of Education, in essence, ignore everything they do or say.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah. Let's work on an amendment to change it. I think you make a good point.

SENATOR PETERSON: Okay. And is...I thought I read in there and I had a note from a couple days ago and I thought it was coming up, is there anything in this that's the commission being dissolved in one year? I was trying to look for it, but I had a note down here. Why is the commission being dissolved in one year? Can you...I don't see it but I was wondering. I had...

SENATOR WITHEM: June...page 6, line 10 and 11, the commission shall terminate and be dissolved effective June 30, 1992.

SENATOR PETERSON: Oh, okay. Why terminate the commission? Every...their work's going to be done in that...

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah. Yeah, this is a one...what this is designed to be is a one-time emphasis by the schools to look at