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question now is on the system that we have now or the law that we currently have, notwithstanding 976, what on the average has been the average fine that has been levied for such an offense?

SENATOR PIRSCH: I don't know that I have that. I do have some...I would have to get that for you. I know that there has been an increase from '87 to '88 in the arrests but I would have to get more detailed, the amount of the fine.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, I understand that. Would this portion of the amendment, if it were passed, obviously, I am looking at public schools now or private, public schools, I assume we are looking at private as well, but looking at public schools, would this apply then to the children there? Because when you are looking at possession?

SENATOR PIRSCH: No, not this part, not this part at the top. That...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, then clarify for me please what this would...

SENATOR PIRSCH: That is the confusing thing because this is carried over from page 3 of 976 and we don't get into the drug-free zones until Section 8.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, then let me just go ahead and ask a question on Section 8, and I know it is not the part of the bill now, but will we be having a minimum fine then on possession within the drug-free zone, if your amendments and bill is agreed to?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So that will deal with the children as well?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yeah, if you look in...I have that over under the balcony.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is okay because I punched my light again so if we need time to come back we can do so. I guess my concern, members of the body, and I am not sure if it is a concern yet or not until I get some of the data, but when I start looking at minimum fines, I want to ask myself the