

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Warner, the postsecondary commission that we are establishing here under the Constitution, is that the same as we have now under statute?

SENATOR WARNER: No, the name is similar but, no, it would not be the same because this would give a body by that name constitutional authority to act in the areas outlined whereas they do not now have that authority. Secondly, the current commission is partially selected by the institutions, various institutions or systems, and partially appointed by the Governor with confirmation by the Legislature, and they have some duties that wouldn't necessarily go to this body.

SENATOR PIRSCH: These are all appointed by the Governor, is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: That would be correct and, in essence, that's...

SENATOR PIRSCH: And they are done by six districts and then five at large.

SENATOR WARNER: The current are all appointed people, too,...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right.

SENATOR WARNER: ...although one of them I believe, out of the 11 is selected through their office.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And your intent would be to eliminate the present postsecondary commission, is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: It would be eliminated as to the functions of coordination. You could continue by statute a body that was like, for example, that was originally proposed in 1141 which would be representatives of the private, the independents, I should say, and the proprietary and so forth as a group to meet on an informal basis but that has nothing to do with this here, no.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Oh, you mean there would be two postsecondaries