

And, again, in some counties we don't have judges that are there in that particular county as they have a large area they need to service. That's the reason for the amendment and I would hope that the body would be able to support the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Nelson, on the amendment by Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I, too, support Senator Bernard-Stevens on this. I asked the administrative office of the courts in regards to the judicial bypass and the things that this bill is asking for for three days or that we give it the necessary attention at that time is simply impossible. And I don't know as we legislators have the power even to tell the courts when they may stand attention or what they may or may not do. I asked...I think I said this yesterday, I asked the judge at home, is it possible to have a private court and not be before the public. There is a little bit of a way, instead of saying Carol Pirsch, you just say CP. And...but still their court records are available to about 13 to 16 different people. As far as going to the judicial bypass of the Supreme Court, I will guarantee you the child will nearly be walking before that would ever happen. The very minimum is nine months. This is just another way for another roadblock that sounds good. It sounds simple and something that could be done. The number of docket cases that are being heard, there are advanced cases, adding all of the time frames together, 50 days here, 30 days there, appeal, they still have to through the court procedures, it takes a very minimum of nine months if all attention was directed to this over and above criminal cases or other civil cases and so on. So briefs of the parties have to be filed and it simply is impossible to have the higher courts stand attention for this purpose and I will guarantee you it probably would not be their highest priority. So I think that we have to come up with something that is within reason and sensible. If we're going to have parental notification, let's make it for the best and not for the hindrance of the people of our state. So I very much support Senator Bernard-Stevens and I will share with you, anyone that is particularly interested in seeing it, the answer from the court administrator on this subject.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Lindsay, on the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise in