

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Horgan, followed by Senators Lynch and Robinson.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Warner, it would apply to any students who, prior to 1989-90 school year, had opted out of the Omaha Public Schools and attended another school district. If we have some students out there who are attending the Bennington Schools, for instance, and paying tuition, they would fall...and prior to 1989, they would fall into this also. We don't know that there are any out there that are doing it. But if there are students, this has simply been brought up because there are 11 families attending District 66. There may be one or two families out there who have opted to pay tuition to another school district. And if their students had attended before '89, indeed, they would have the same opportunity, under this amendment, to not pay the tuition because they had opted out prior to the '89-90 school year. But I would have a question for Senator Baack, if he's in the Chamber. Senator Baack, as I understand it, can you clarify a little bit for me the situation in Lincoln, where you have a school district that is closed, that does not participate in the choice program, yet they have some students who have been paying tuition. What will the status of those students be now, under 207?

SPEAKER BAACK: Those students, Lincoln is closed to open enrollment for a different reason, of course, than the Omaha Public Schools. It's not because of a desegregation plan. You know in Lincoln they're closed to it because they are full, they are at capacity. So what...But in the Lincoln situation, under 207, those students...the Lincoln Public Schools could...could call those students open enrollment students, but yet not open up their school district to further open enrollment students,...

SENATOR HORGAN: And would those students have...

SPEAKER BAACK: ...students that were already attending the Lincoln Public Schools.

SENATOR HORGAN: And would those students have to pay tuition?

SPEAKER BAACK: No.