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SENATOR CROSBY: I don't have the AM numbers. Could you just read the highlighted part to me so I know which one it is? Oh, thank you...

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator, this is the one...

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. I have it, thank you. I bring this amendment and I have a series of amendments on this bill because it seemed to me from the very beginning that it is aimed at teachers and maybe bus drivers and people who are daily contact with the children but there is a lot of other people who are in contact with school children that each school board or administrator hires. And so this first one...and we are right now the Pages are copying the amendments because you were given them the last time, we were given a year ago but I know that we don't hang onto everything or keep everything in our files so we are going to distribute them again. But this particular amendment strikes the original Section 1 and all amendments thereto and inserts this new section. Any school district, governing body of a nonpublic school approved or accredited by the State Department of Education, the State of Nebraska, or any governmental agency or political subdivision employing, supervising, licensing, contracting with, or certifying teachers, child care providers, nurses, physicians, surgeons, respiratory care specialists, osteopathic medicine specialists, chiropractors, dentists, dental hygienists, pharmacists, podiatrists, optometrists, massage therapists, physical therapists, audiologists, speech-language pathologists, and psychologists may, as a condition of employment, licensure, or certification or as a part of an investigation, require a check of the person's criminal history. It just seems to me that if we are going to single out teachers, bus drivers and the people who see them daily, then we have to include everyone who works for that school district and who is in contact with the children in any way at all, and in particular the medical professions and those are in intimate contact with children and that was proven with the one person that was nailed in Omaha after the Franklin investigations. That person was a doctor who was a doctor for children. So I think that, from that point of view, I would like to have this amendment discussed and in connection with the entire bill. As each amendment comes along, think of the effect of the whole bill and what it is going to do to school districts, what it is going to require them to do to hire a teacher or whomever. From another point of view, criminal investigations, on the face of it, sound really good but in many