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SENATOR DIERKS: It says that all certified teachers shall subject themselves to the...new certified teachers, not every year, just those first-time teachers will go through this as part of their verification for certification.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, and does it require that the school district put through the process every school bus driver also? That is also...shall applies to that also to that category?

SENATOR DIERKS: I don't believe so. I think that's up to the individual school district, makes it possible for them.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. If it is the best interest of the children that we're concerned about, why should one school district have the option of exempting their bus drivers and all those other nonteaching employees from this provision?

SENATOR DIERKS: I think the reason for that is that most of the time certified employees enter the work field and come from an area unknown, for the most part, to the school board or the hiring agency while most of your noncertified employees may come from within the community and people already know about them, understand them, know where they are coming from, know their background, so this (interruption).

SENATOR BEUTLER: So we're basing it on the haphazardness of where these people may come from or where they don't come from.

SENATOR DIERKS: No, we're basing it on the knowledge that the school board would have of these people prior to employment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: All right, so if the school board has no knowledge, then they should check all these people too.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right and they have that ability with this bill. By the way, what does Draconian history mean?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Means very bad.

SENATOR DIERKS: Oh, I see.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Very severe, very severe. The other part that I wanted to ask you about was Section 5. Now this law would not apply before July 1 of 1992, would not apply to any certified