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whether they wanted the school board to see it or not.

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's right, but a person...if we're worried about a child abuser, in fact, could be in the classroom up to two months before, as you said, the time lag and teaching and in contact with those children before they would receive that report back.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I think that is fairly accurate. It may not be quite that long, but depends on how long it takes and when they are init...the investigation is initiated.

SENATOR BOHLKE: All right, thank you, and I'll yield the rest of my time to Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens, you have about three minutes.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Bohlke, thank you very much and I will not require that time. I just wanted to answer, and I think Senator Ashford knows this already, but just for the record. Senator Ashford was asking the question, what actually can school districts do now on a criminal background check, and it is a very legitimate question because I think that's the basis if, you know, what, if this bill did not pass, can we do? And the answer that came back, and I'm reading directly from OPS that basically is saying, currently under present law school districts can and do require background checks as conditions for hire. They can and do that now. Okay? So without this law we can still, as they said in their own words, can and do require background checks as conditions for hire. What they go on to say is this bill only gives more accurate information by access to NCIC, which is the national computers which we know we can't do because they make you have fingerprints and we've already taken that out of the bill. So what are we doing here? And the point is, we're trying to do a political problem for OPS and it's simply bad policy. Thank you, Senator Bohlke, for your minute.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Cudaback, you are next.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, I think this one point should be brought out. As a rule, the more important job you have, the more extensive you are checked and I guess I'd like to