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with this bill or without the bill, we cannot access that computer at this point and so the same question...

SENATOR WARNER PRESIDING

SENATOR WARNER: Your time is up.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...can be reversed.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Bernard-Stevens, your time is up.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, he gave me a minute...

SENATOR WARNER: Back to Senator Horgan.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...and he can have a minute and a half back.

SENATOR WARNER: All right.

SENATOR HORGAN: Well, Senator, I think, you know, I'm not thrilled with the idea that, with the whole discussion that is going on about teachers and doing background checks, but I do think, number one, we're already doing them. So if we're already doing them the question is, how do you do them and in what manner do you do them and the issue of the fingerprinting I think is...

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR HORGAN: ...an important one and I think it's one that we ought to address and I think Senator Chizek has done that with his amendment. I think now the question becomes if Senator Chizek can accomplish what he says he can accomplish between now and probably Select File, is it all right to allow school districts to do a better background check than what they're doing now? I guess philosophically I don't have a problem with it. If we already accept that they can do background checks, then we ought to accept that they can do the most efficient background checks if we take out the burdensome and tainted part of the fingerprinting. If they can't do without the fingerprinting, then I can't support the bill, and if they don't have an answer between now and the end of Select File then I won't support it, but I think at this point it makes sense to allow school districts that flexibility to have an efficient and