

SENATOR MOORE: Just a quick question for Senator Withem, if he'd yield.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Withem, would you respond, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Certainly would.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Withem, on the bottom of page 6 and the top of page 7, when it says this commission...the system shall be complete by '96. My concern is, I mean, I guess one...some could argue when they say the system is complete, that means it's operating by '96. I guess obviously my concern is, and I've said a number of times this bill doesn't write anything in the statutes, it creates the commission and they come up with ideas, and a report. We have to come back in and reenact anything before it happens. My concern is that language in no way means that that system is going to be complete and going to go without ever coming back to us. Because I mean some would argue...some could argue that means a system is complete means a system is working by '96, regardless of whatever else we do. And this bill is not self-executing, it must come back to us. In the remainder of my time you have to ease my fears.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah. Yeah, it is self-executing in the sense that they will complete their work. Their work, though, is to develop the...the learner outcomes and the assessment methodologies. It is my clear understanding of the legislation that to...to implement their recommendations, their recommendations will go to two places, one, the elected Legislature, which any statutory changes will have to go through this Legislature, at which time there will be plenty of time for citizen outcome; or, two, State Department of Education, State Board of Education is empowered to make some types of assessment requirements. But again that's an elected body that would have to act affirmatively on these recommendations before they would go into effect. Does that answer your question? If not, well your time is back.

SENATOR MOORE: The...the...I guess the second thing, as far as the Board of Education, I mean could they theoretically...could they...does this bill give them the power to enact whatever that commission does?

SENATOR WITHEM: No, they have...they have that power. They