

education, and, obviously, there's different types of jobs. But for some of these companies that we'd like to attract to our state, they are looking for the college graduate and here's our chance to include among the options for those that are capable, those that are able to do the job to go into higher education, so I think clarifying that, including that in the amendments is, in fact, simply resupporting the American dream that we can all have the chance, no matter what station in life, to get into a public education system or private education system and we can advance ourselves, our intellect, our intelligence and our knowledge and we can take...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...the opportunity and grow to our fullest potential and achieve our destinies and higher education is among those options and whether that's community college or the university or something in between, that's an option that shouldn't be denied these people and I would ask your support for the amendment and opposition to the Witek amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Madam President, members of the body, I don't know that I can add too much to what Senator Wesely and Senator Bohlke have just said, but I'd like to reiterate a couple of things that they said that, one, this does not increase, in any way, what we're already doing. In fact, it decreases what we're already doing in the fact that prior to this time we have, in some cases, provided four years of college education. This bill doesn't allow that. I thought that Senator Wesely's point was very well taken when he said that we would not be paying for these college educations, that it would still be the responsibility of the applicant or the person on welfare to take out the college loans if they want to go ahead and get their college education, to win the scholarship that might be necessary. The state wouldn't be paying for those kinds of education hours anymore than they might be paying for some of the others. What they are doing is providing the support system. And if you look at Section 9, on page 14 of the bill, you'll see it referenced when it says, under the self-sufficiency contract, the principal wage earner and other nonexempt members of the applicant family shall be required to participate in one or more of the following, and then it goes on to talk about education, job skills training, work experience,