

SENATOR McKENZIE: Mr. Clerk, I'd like to substitute AM1313.

CLERK: It's the next amendment, Senator, so we can...

SENATOR McKENZIE: Either way.

CLERK: ...go right to it if that's your pleasure.

CLERK: AM1313 found on page 1392.

SENATOR LANDIS: This is an amendment to the committee amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator McKenzie, to open on her amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR McKENZIE: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. AM1313 is now the right-hand side of your time line sheet and this is what we have named the road map or the reform effort. It is intent language that charges various agencies and commissions with the very task of reforming Nebraska's system of delivering special education services. And let me briefly go through what the amendment contains. I would be happy to yield some of the opening time then to Senator Bromm whose priority bill this is and Senator Bernard-Stevens who cosponsored this amendment. Basically what we have done is charged the State Board of Education and the Department of Education with a complete review of their rules and regulations in state statute, looking for any rules or regulations that should be repealed or modified. Now you may have received a number of letters concerned about the zero to three program. In the original element sheet used to draft the amendment there was language that said all federal regulations, all state regulations and programs not required by the federal mandate would be repealed. I want to make clear on the record that we are not targeting 0 to 3 or 18 to 21 for elimination. However, in this review process over the course of the summer and fall we want to be sure that the State Board of Education and the department can review everything we do from 0 to 21 in special education. But it does ask that they look for any exceptional or stricter mandates than we would have been required to include from the federal level. It asks for those recommendations to be presented to the Education Committee by November 1 of 1995.