

to identification and programming of services for students with unique needs. And if my review is correct, we use the term "unique needs" six times through this amendment and I was wondering if you could provide me with a definition of unique needs.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Maurstad, you have picked up on an area where we struggled to find the correct language in statute to discuss what we were talking about.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: What is this?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: We had originally talked about unique needs comes from the definition of special education in the current statute, in 79-3314. Special education shall mean specially designed instruction at no cost to parent or guardians to meet the unique needs of a handicapped child. That was the only language we could find other...we tried special needs, that didn't work. However, let me tell you, if I can take 30 seconds more of your time, that on Select File we will offer an amendment that changes the language "unique needs" to "handicap" or "handicapping condition" so that clearly we are talking only about those students that are now included under those 13 categories of special education handicapping conditions. I think that will clarify, for our purposes here in moving to a different system, that we are talking about the children we have served traditionally, and I know there will be discussion about whether that's what we should do, but that certainly is what we will attempt to clarify on Select File.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, and I appreciate your willingness to look at that aspect. My second question, if I have enough time is, we talk, in Section 1 and then at the tail end of Section 2 and in Section 6, about a lot of boards and commissions and committees and the concept of collaboration. And in your, first of all, I want to commend you for the amount of work that you've put into this. In your work could you expand upon a little bit your feelings about the collaboration effort that this amendment directs and from your assessment of whether or not that effort will be successful.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator McKenzie, would you respond to the question?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Maurstad, actually I met this morning