

date, they usually...a number of school districts don't seem to have their labor negotiations settled by the time that they should. And I guess that's also a part of the numbers...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Part of it.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...crunchers that we looked at as well.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I guess my...

SENATOR ABOUD: As far as the CIR, I can get, we have those exact numbers and I can get those for you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: You know, I guess I, when I first heard your opening on it, I was a little uncomfortable. I'm comfortable with the amendment now. And I just wonder, you know, how much is this going to be used? I guess that's the question and maybe, you know, maybe we look at it. I wouldn't want to put a sunset on it because we never have sunsets in this body but...

SENATOR ABOUD: Yeah, sunsets never occur. But Senator Schimek just passed on some information. She said it occurs about a dozen times a year, about a dozen cases a year.

SENATOR HARTNETT: About 12 out of 600 school districts?

SENATOR ABOUD: That's correct.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Abboud, your light is next.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, colleagues, I support the amendment. I feel that it's in the interest of school districts as well as the associations. This is a good piece of legislation; and if the bill does work as well as the proponents have been saying that it will, then certainly both parties will agree to the special master program. And with that, I am supporting the amendment that provides that both parties have to agree to a special master.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Bromm. Senator Stuhr.