

SENATOR BOHLKE: And the department will direct them...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...mandated by the Department of Education to have that in their policy, will they not? Is that not our intent and expectation?

SENATOR BOHLKE: They won't be mandated, but the department cannot give them the money unless they do it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So each individual school district will get none of the money that's referred to in this matter unless they have a policy that requires referral to the criminal justice system of any student who brings either a weapon or a firearm to the school,...

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's correct, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...is that correct? Okay. One thing that concerns me a little bit is the fact that we have provided, by statute in here, that the school district shall, annually to the State Board of Education, provide certain information, including assurances as to the effect of the policy, a description of the circumstances. Now, under the federal statute that's not required in our statute either. We could have relied upon the Department of Education to make that requirement also, could we not? In other words what I'm concerned about is that certain things that we're expecting from the Department of Education with respect to the policies of the local school districts, we are setting forth in our statute, and yet one requirement, which is in the same category, so far as I understand it, is not being set forth in statute. And I want to be sure, that notwithstanding that idiosyncrasy, that we make clear that we're expecting from the Department of Education that requirement also, even though we're not saying so in the statute, as we did with other requirements that we didn't necessarily have to put in statute. Is that...have I confused everybody, or is that clear now?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I think you probably have accomplished that, Senator Beutler. (Laughter.) But, no, I don't really, no.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I (inaudible) find it confusing but...

SENATOR BOHLKE: I think you have pointed out what the process