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provisions dealing with visitation and also child support and access to the courts by the noncustodial parent in the bill. In fact, I think the bill is more sensitive to the noncustodial parent than anything we've ever passed before in this Legislature, which perhaps isn't saying too much but...

SENATOR PIRSCH: And that's left in, even with the amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah, on page 15, for example, just to give you an example of the kinds of things that are in this bill for the noncustodial parent, it says, either parent may request the court to modify a child support decree by filing with the court a motion requesting modification. And the forms and the instructions are going to be available at any clerk of the district court's office, okay? And the clerk of the district court would make service. And so everything will be done for them to get them before a judge without hiring an attorney under this particular provision of the bill. If, for example, their problem was the fact that, as Senator Kristensen suggested earlier, the situation where maybe, for whatever reasons, their child support was onerous or too high.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And this would be even before they were three months past due?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

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SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, before they were past due. Well, you know, I think taking away licenses is going to make a big impact. And, in fact, from...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...the information that I have from Council of State Governments that it has been successful, and I don't know if we have enough information from Iowa, but I think just the threat, and this is why I supported on General File, oftentimes will accomplish that. But I do also want to make sure that the noncustodial parent does have some access, it doesn't cost them