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SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Bohlke, I'd like to ask you a question, really doesn't have anything to do with the amendment, but do all local boards have the authority to fingerprint any noncertificated personnel now? I know you said that they have that abi...they have that authority now with teachers.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I'm thinking about volunteers, paraeducators, bus drivers and all that.

SENATOR BOHLKE: They currently have the authority, without asking the applicant or anyone. They can fingerprint them and they can do a criminal background check. They cannot access the FBI file.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Chambers, on the Bernard-Stevens amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this is the type of bill which I am not comfortable with from the very beginning, but sometimes I can be shown why it may be necessary. At this point, I'm unaware of the details of Senator Bernard-Stevens' amendment, so I'm going to see if he would, Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you answer a question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bernard-Stevens, will you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The...where...the bill now is the white amendment that we have in the bill book?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Amendment 2897.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're amending that.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could you tell me, as you had me do the other day, kind of in an overview manner, what your amendment will do, because I did just come into the building.