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Department of Education. Senator Bohlke has stated her support of the amendment and I would urge the committee to...or the Legislature to adopt is.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, Senator Bohlke, the reason I'm taking these opportunities also to talk about various aspects of the bill, once the amendments are discussed, somebody will call the question when a motion is made to advance the bill. If you drop down to Section 6 of the committee amendment, in lines 25 and 26, this is the language that I'm going to discuss with you, "The costs shall be limited to the actual direct and indirect costs arising from the processing of the criminal history record information checks." Why do we have indirect costs included? If you say actual direct costs, you don't have to specify much more than that because you know what it is. But when you talk about indirect costs, if you're going to use a loose term like that, I think you have to specify, and I would insist on it, what kind of things will and will not be included. But so you'll know where I am, I would rather strike the words "and indirect".

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Chambers, I raised that same question when I read through this. The answer I was given, that there will be some costs that will be there for the Department of Ed, they don't know how many, they're projecting this could be six hundred, they aren't quite sure, the amount of time and staff, being that this is the first year that they'll be implementing it, therefore, that's the reason. And I think we've done that in other areas of legislation where we put direct and indirect. But I had that very same question.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, Senator Bohlke, we're going to have an open-ended opportunity for the Department of Education to charge people whatever they want to because indirect means just what it says. It's not, it's not the actual cost. It's not the direct cost. So you can say if the one doing the search talks to somebody over in another office of the Department of Education, you can charge that applicant for the time of that person to