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review, maybe some of these elements would be put in so that in making that review, the commissioner would see that whatever the offenses, you have the information, but that it has some bearing on whether or not the person would be suitable to be around youngsters.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. In working with Senator Bohlke, we may or may not, I mean we're both kind of thinking about it. We may have an amendment to the amendment that would work. But I'll talk about that now and then I'll file it if there's not any major...there's not any some flaw in there somewhere that we don't see. The amendment that I have before you, the one that's printed in the Journal says, under no circumstances shall a certification be denied by the Commissioner of Education if any felony or misdemeanor found in any criminal, well, it's been amended by Senator Chambers, but, in essence, that it's not against the law in the state of Nebraska. What I would do is after the word, phrase against, against the law in the state of Nebraska, I would add the phrase or is not similar to any violation. That would, that's too loose for me, but I'd be willing to go that far because it would, at least, make it more reasonable. I'd rather have directly similar, which would be a more strict interpretation, but I understand where Senator Bohlke would not, would not necessarily be in favor of that. So at this, at this point, I'll, maybe Senator Bohlke can put on her light or I'll just yield to Senator Bohlke. If I file this amendment would that, would that help some of your concern on this matter?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I support it, Senator Bernard-Stevens, making sure as we talk that we aren't leaving out like any federal crimes or, and I know you don't want to do that.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Correct.

SENATOR BOHLKE: So as we work to come to some type of wording