

kindergarten class of 30. And then the next sibling comes along and they are going to have to take that sibling, and it would go to 31. You could just see that I think it takes away the ability of schools to make that, currently, to make that decision. And with what Senator Bernard-Stevens is doing, it would still allow that to happen, but schools would be able to determine how that's going to impact that particular class. That is the whole point of the way we currently address optioning students in. It's if there is room in that particular school. By having it that you automatically have to take the siblings, you take that kind of decision away from the school, and I think you can have a very negative impact on class size. For that reason I've always been very supportive of this philosophy and I plan to vote yes on the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, members, I had a question for Senator Bernard-Stevens.

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

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Bernard-Stevens, do you, as far as these issues that are contained in this amendment, was this offered in a bill form this year?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: It was offered in committee as an amendment to LB 643. But 643 was not going to be discussed, and so I mentioned to the committee that the best place to take care of this situation would be an amendment to 1050. So I've been very straightforward and had it printed in the Journal for a long, long time.

SENATOR ABOUD: So this, this particular amendment was voted out of the Education Committee?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, it was not because it's an amendment. Only bills can be voted out.

SENATOR ABOUD: So...