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LB 1050

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: To answer your question, Chris, did I introduce a bill that did this? The answer is no.

SENATOR ABOUD: So there was no bill introduced, there was no amendment that was attached to another amendment to send this bill out, right?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct. This is simply an amendment I'd like to add to 1050.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. And what this provides for, since we're going to have like a public hearing, I guess, right now on the floor on this particular issue, and just to establish some legislative history on this particular matter is that the siblings that currently, if you have a school district that allowed someone to come into their school district, this would tie the district's hands to reject another sibling from coming in. Is that correct?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I wouldn't phrase it as tying the hands. If the school...

SENATOR ABOUD: Would the school district have any, any option but to accept the sibling from coming into that district?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Under current law, no. Under this amendment, yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: They would allow it, for it to provide for...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Under this amendment the school district would not have to accept the sibling if, in fact, they're not accepting option students, period, in that level.

SENATOR ABOUD: And in the rationale for that is that, is what?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The rationale is the choice legislation, we gave schools the ability, even when it was originally passed, to say what areas are they eligi...are they willing to take option students. And if they were full, they don't have to take option students.

SENATOR ABOUD: Right.