

we clarified that issue related to this amendment, whether you believe personally this is a good change or not, but we are not creating a system where a school can say we will take this child, but we won't take another sibling because they have some special needs, which is, I think, a big concern. With that I thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Pirsch. Senator Pirsch, oh, I couldn't see you I'm sorry.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I know, I'm here. Thank you, Madam President. I have some concerns about, about this amendment, quite frankly, Senator Bernard-Stevens. And I'm thinking of the picture in the paper yesterday or the day before about a person who is camping out in the...as a matter of fact, daughter-in-law of Senator Jensen who is camping out on the parking lot of a private school so she can enroll her firstborn in kindergarten and so that would then ensure that the rest of her children would be able to go to that school and they would make accommodations for those children. Now, you know, I realize public school is a little different, but I do know, and particularly where there is a lot of geography in taking kids to school, that if I had an older child in a school, I sure as everything would like to have my next child probably in that school if I picked that school because I thought that was the best school for my children. And I guess I'm concerned about choice for the people. And I do want to take in consideration the school. But, Senator Bernard-Stevens, in your district particularly, wouldn't this happen that if someone had to see a child go to one school district and then provide transportation maybe for the next one because they were opted out for the next child.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, thank you, Madam President. Senator Pirsch, the best way I can address the question, and it's a very legitimate question, is that under current law now, let's don't talk about siblings for a moment, let's just talk about a individual families. If your child and my child were the same age, we're pretending here, okay, so they're the same age and we both want them to go to a school because we like the academics or whatever we like about that school. I may be able to get my child in, and you may not be able to because at some point they close it and say, we don't have any more room.