

escalate drastically. My concern is, is maybe, and I'd ask Senator Schimek, and give her the time to lay out what the process in terms of this would be for me, say I'm the local school superintendent, or the teacher at a local school. What would happen? How would the process work and what equipment would I have or resources that I'd need? Would I...would there have to be a designated person from each of the schools to...and, you know, I am just asking, maybe you can lay out how the process would work for an individual school, and I guess I would give her the rest of my time, if she would want to lay that out or maybe find out. Senator Schimek.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Senator Avery. I will answer briefly, and then if you have more follow-up questions that's fine. My understanding is that these teachers would have to be accredited teachers. They would have to have training in order to teach braille, and they would have to be accredited teachers. So I'm assuming that for some school districts, they would probably either ask one of their in-house teachers to take the additional education, or they would have to come up somehow with an accredited teacher if they were going to teach it.

SENATOR AVERY: Okay, then...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Now, remember, remember, this appropriation does not say they have to do that.

SENATOR AVERY: Right, right, and I understand and I see...I don't...I see it as not a mandate too. But even though it is not intended to be, what could be perceived, after a year or two, that it becomes a man...you know, the administrators look at this as a mandate. Maybe pressure is put on them by some parents, and then it kind of evolves into what could be considered a mandate. My concern is that in the process, we're going to buy some equipment, and where would that equipment and resources go to? Would it be the university? Would it be in the School for the Blind? Would it be a new area in the Department of Education? Those resources then, people would go out and teach and put on workshops for teachers to, I guess, certify them around the state. It would be a process that would start that we'd go around the state certifying those teachers that potentially would...I guess you'd have to look at what