

suit. Senator Wehrbein mentioned that a desperate school district might go into a suit to deny their own employees their retirement benefits. I can't agree that that's even possible or plausible. First of all, they have to pay for the lawyers to go to court, so why not just go ahead and continue paying the individuals? So I don't even consider that plausible. It's been more than a year since we've addressed this problem when it was discovered, and no other party has indicated any desire whatsoever to initiate litigation other than the sponsors of this resolution. Those are the only people who want to go resolve something in court. The statute of limitations would likely otherwise run before the litigation contemplated by LR 343 could be completed, and I will find out exactly how long from the Attorney General's Office. This office has...this is from the Attorney General's Office, this letter, this office has never questioned the constitutionality of the statutes in questions. The Nevada Public Employee Retirement Board litigated similar issues and their attorney now says it was a major mistake due to the problems it created for future administrations of all of their retirement systems. If litigation is initiated, it will place hundreds of school cooks, janitors, and bus drivers in a state of uncertainty which they are already in and unnecessary stress which they are already stressed. I am receiving calls from them and letters from them. This office has already issued an official opinion expressing the view that they now have contractual rights and must be allowed to continue in the system. So we've already made this decision. It may be legally required if a lawsuit is filed pursuant to LR 343 to join hundreds of legally necessary parties in this litigation. In sum, LR 343 could cost the state more than a million dollars in attorneys' fees, could result in hundreds of school employees losing their retirement benefits and is unnecessary at this point. If you have questions, he asked to contact Gary Clatterbuck, Fred Neid or Steve Grasz. If people have any questions that they doubt these opinions, then they need to talk to these people because what we are doing if you pass 343 is throwing this to the Supreme Court, throwing those 600 people into a courtroom situation and a courtroom battle that is totally unnecessary. We have the Attorney General's Opinion. PERB is comfortable with that. They have resolved this problem. The problem would go...it is resolved. There is no problem here to litigate other than an individual or individuals...