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the full extent. They now have the option of choosing to participate in that or not?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: If they choose to participate it, the way it is right now, who pays for that testing?

SENATOR BOHLKE: The way it is right now, the district pays for the substitutes and the training that's necessary.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: So if they opted to pay...to take the test, then they pay for it. If this...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: ...in the way the bill is...the amendment is written, if they are chosen to participate they have to participate, and then who pays for the substitutes?

SENATOR BOHLKE: The Department of Ed through the amount appropriated through the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: So the last part of the bill that has been taken out, line 22 on page 3: "The department shall be responsible for the cost of the assessment materials and", can't read that, "scoring", that will...will still hold, though, if they are selected to participate in the NAEF.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Not as a statutory requirement, but that is what the department has said.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: The department has indicated that but...

SENATOR BOHLKE: And they went before the Appropriations Committee and asked for the money for that specific purpose.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Okay. Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Again, I...I have concerns about...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.