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assessment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But they're not going to know what to prepare for without any direction from the Board of Education, temporarily, right?

SENATOR BOHLKE: No, except, we have so many schools out there who have not aligned the standards to their curriculum, which has to be the first step before you can do the test anyway, and we have a large number of districts who have not started to do that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So, essentially, what we're saying here is that we're going to come in next year, and whatever else we do we're probably going to delay the implementation of the assessment standard, whatever it is, for a year or two.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I would think...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is it...I mean that...that's the bottom line, is it not?

SENATOR BOHLKE: I would think that that would be where we would end up. On my close, I may talk about one other idea that could maybe not take that much time. And, as yet, I don't know how anyone else would...would be positive or negative towards that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bohlke, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members. Thank you. So that everyone is clear what we're doing, let me reiterate that we would be taking out everything in LB 144 with regard to testing, and we would be putting the amendments that are currently on there, on LB 812, on General File. So when we come back next year, we have all of those...we have that sitting there on General File, at the same time school districts and people across the state can look at all the options that I've explained on the amendments as we go out and have some discussions with them on which direction they wish to go. Part of the problem, I