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SENATOR HILGERT: ...would be the trigger?

SENATOR ENGEL: ...a reason to do the research. We're giving him, through this bill, the reason to do the research, because he knows if he does the research and he finds they have prior convictions, it would be worth his effort. That's what I'm talking about, reason.

SENATOR HILGERT: Well then why don't we make it mandatory, if this is a good state policy, that every county attorney shall do the research, to really make this law meaningful? Because, for example, in your case, Iowa, I would assume if someone...for some reason the county attorney knew that there was information that that person had lived in Iowa, that might be a good indication to do the research in Iowa. But what example for...what if the individual is from Illinois and had three or four convictions, the county attorney may not look at Illinois.

SENATOR ENGEL: He might have an incentive to do it, if this law is...if we pass this law.

SENATOR HILGERT: And would you be willing to make it mandatory to make sure that all this research is done, and if you do want to catch those individuals with prior convictions, why don't we mandate it to make sure that we catch all those people that have had numerous convictions? I think there was one in the press of someone from North Carolina with numerous convictions. In this scenario, if...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...if they move from North Carolina to Iowa and then to South Sioux, there would have been no reason to check North Carolina. Would you be agreeable to make it mandatory?

SENATOR ENGEL: I'd have to think about that before I'd make anything mandatory.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay. Thank you, Senator Engel.