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district to accept that student. So (a) if a student is in a group home, the school district, and they are not a state ward, the school district must accept the student and enter into a contract with the sending district to decide on what that cost may be. If they cannot agree on the cost, the Department of Education determines the cost. The other situation that I named, and it may be any number of other things other than the things that I named why a student would be...take up residency in a school district, as I said it could be parents are transferred out of the country, could be a number of things for individual families why the student would be leaving their home school district and wishing to attend that school district. If they are residing there, they may attend the school district. And that school district may then count them in their student count. And so with that, I have placed the amendment on your desk and also the committee statement for you to review, and I would be willing to answer any questions you may have.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator. (Visitors introduced.) Moving on then, Senator Redfield, please.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen, members of the body. I would like to have a little discussion with Senator Bohlke. As I understand this bill we now would rectify any situation for any child in the state of Nebraska to have a free public education. Is that correct?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bohlke, we're having too good a conversation up here. Would you respond to the question, please.

SENATOR BOHLKE: That's often a problem between you two. (Laugh) Yes, I will yield. Senator Redfield, I would be hesitant on the floor of this Legislature to tell you that we have taken care of any circumstance any time in the future of the state of Nebraska. What I would tell you is I do think we now have a policy in place that takes care of a majority of the situations that have been brought to the Education Committee. I cannot guarantee that it will take...that there will not be something out there sometime, someplace in the future. But I do think this is a great improvement and it addresses many of the situations presented to the Education Committee.