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were...was the committee informed of any independent studies? Was there an assessment that was done in anyplace else where the Brown School operated that would give us information about their success with these young people, or was it just the information from those folks from the school that the committee received? If Senator Pederson could respond, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, yes, I would. What we had was a report from the program and it was based upon the same program that would be available here in Nebraska, so it was...we tried to get an apples-to-apples report and they had a 6-month and a 12-month review of these...of these offenses and then the recidivism rate, and it ranged from robbery, there was...there was no return during that 6-month period; aggravated assault, 96 percent of them succeeded. I'm just giving you an example down the line. But this was based upon talking to the counselors, talking to...getting a report on each one of the persons that had been incarcerated and find out what the return was. After a year it went...the robbery was 89 percent that they made the grade; selling drugs, 100 percent of them made the grade, didn't have to return; and it went on down in that...in that way. They had a very good record from what we reviewed, but this was a one-year review. We don't have anything more. When it's 18 months we could have another review to see how they're doing, but, actually, we were very impressed, Senator Preister, with the recidivism rate that they were showing.

SENATOR PREISTER: So, Senator Pederson, you're saying that in the approximately one year that they were under some jurisdiction of the Brown School, that they, the Brown School, felt that they were succeeding.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yes.

SENATOR PREISTER: What I was asking, was there something from the court, that had some of the original jurisdiction I assume, or any other independent body that made those assessments?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: No, this...this...actually, in order to