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SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Do they have to take any other certification other than the one to get that Master Certification?

SENATOR THOMPSON: No, unless...until they renew.

SENATOR SCHMITT: So what's to keep them, after they get their Master Certification, they're going to be getting this \$7,500 annually, whether they do anything good after that or not, right?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Is that a question for me?

SENATOR SCHMITT: That's a question.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I think if you read about the program or hear from any of the teachers who have been in the program, these are people who love their profession, who want to excel in their profession, who do excel in their profession. I would be shocked if any of them chose to quit doing what they've always done and what they love doing.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Well, I understand that, and I think most of them would, but this could happen. It's the same thing as what we have with the tenure now, once they got the tenure, they don't have to be near as careful as they did the first two or three years when they were teaching out there. And I can see where that could be a problem here if someone would desire to pursue that. I'm not saying they will, but they could. And I just wonder if that's the way we should go or not. I don't know. I appreciate your answers on that, Senator Thompson, but I do have some problems with that because I think we could be going the wrong way. And I don't have any problem with awarding our good teachers. I don't have a problem with giving our teachers a salary now, if they're doing a good job teaching, but I hate to just give it to them if something fails along the way. So, thank you.