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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR FOLEY: Senator Chambers, I thought I understood what you were trying to do with your amendment, but now that I've looked at it I've got a question or two. I thought that the intent of your amendment was simply to change one word. Where the existing statute had said "shall" provide, you wanted to change that to "may" provide?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, but that wouldn't do it, because if you look on your gadget, this isn't drafted as most amendments are, where you draw lines through. This would be the actual language. But go down into the fifth line, and in the middle you will see the word "if." Are you with me?

SENATOR FOLEY: I'm with you on that, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, here's what I'm getting to. If all we did was change the word "shall," that "if" would not be there and, although we said the schools may, there would still be a mandate that they shall provide all of this information.

SENATOR FOLEY: I'm with you on that, but there's another...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but we had to put "if" so that in those cases where it is provided, this is what it would be. Otherwise, the may would not have had any meaning because it would say they may but, nevertheless, all schools shall provide the rest of this information.

SENATOR FOLEY: My difficulty, Senator Chambers, is I think when you drafted the amendment that there was another sentence that might be appropriate to have been added, and I want to work with you on this. I want to...I'm willing to accept the "shall" to a "may," that is the key change you want to make, but I think there's another sentence that didn't get picked up in your amendment and that's my concern right now.