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throughout the year in a prominent location available to all students in grades 7 through 12. It also goes on to say that the provisions of the new section shall be narrowly construed to authorize and require only the information specified in that section; and specific information regarding how students may implement the judicial waiver provisions of 71-6903 is not authorized. And then it says that the Director of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Commissioner of Education shall develop and approve the information to be provided. The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a statewide toll-free number. Now that is, essentially, what we have introduced or what I have introduced in this amendment, AM2209. As we discussed this, we realized that there...the downside of this might be that you would have people referring to this hot line as 1-800-ABORT, and that certainly wouldn't be anything that we would want to happen. But what we did discuss is the fact that this might be incorporated perhaps into Health and Human Services, another one of their hot lines, so that it is incorporated into a larger picture. I think probably this may be the best second choice that I...that I think that we could consider. Again, I think the best choice is to retain the language of that original bill that we passed, LB 4...let's see, 445 or LB 454, I guess it was. So with that, Mr. President, I would yield the rest of my time back to the Chair. I think I've explained the amendment and I would be happy to try to answer questions. I'll be happy to hear any discussion that people have about this. This is a serious amendment, and I'm serious about it. If this amendment were adopted, I would cease and desist and the other amendments would go away. If the body doesn't like this amendment, then I want to go on and explore the other amendments that I have filed. So with that, Mr. President, I will yield the rest of my time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Foley, on the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. President and members. Good morning. It's hard to know where to begin on the discussion of the Schimek amendment. You know we had quite a number of hours of debate on LB 172 on General File and a lot of different approaches were put forward, a lot of ideas on how to