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the schools be required to make notification of the availability of such information and then required to provide factual information upon request of a student. And I do have an amendment to that effect pretty quick. He goes on to say notification could be in the form of school newsletters, student handouts, postings on bulletin boards, posted on web sites, et cetera. The school should have the discretion on what form the notification is made but the information that is provided upon request by the student should be standardized across the state. I am bothered that some of our senators would suggest that this is a social issue that the school system should not have to address. Drugs, violence, religion and racism are all, some would say, social issues that our school systems are required to address in some form or fashion. I think that pro-life and pro-choice advocates would agree that teenage pregnancy is a very important issue. So I don't see why it would be made out to be a social issue that schools should not address. As you point out, where else should a person be able to get...go to get factual and important information than in our school systems?

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Although I can sympathize with parents and students who get this information and are offended, and then school officials who have to deal with the complaints--and I don't believe those are all widespread, I said that--I believe that teen pregnancy is an issue that is important enough that it needs to be dealt with directly. To not do so would be irresponsible. I will exaggerate or sensationalize a little on this view to make my point. To me, this is in line with the concept that let's keep our young woman dumb, barefoot, pregnant, and in the kitchen. To suggest, as parents or teachers, that we should not inform young women of their rights or responsibilities because the view does not align with our own personal convictions is, in my opinion, totally wrong. I also don't buy into this idea that the current notification process is somehow overly burdensome to the school systems. We are...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.