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Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I've been listening to the discussion, and I need to have a few things clarified. And I would like to ask if Senator Stuhr would be willing to engage in some conversation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, would you yield?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Stuhr, on page 2 of the green copy, this...it states in line 18, the school district can offer to offer a separate plan, classified as a qualified plan under that section. Is this, what they're offering, is this an additional plan to their other plan, other retirement plan?

SENATOR STUHR: Senator Stuthman, this is...what we are allowing in this bill is simply trying to codify and make a clearer understanding of what is presently allowed right now, and that is this special qualified, you know, retirement buy-out section. And it has been in effect. We're just trying to clarify the language. But evidently we're having a difficult time doing that.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. And this is a plan that is...the contributions come from both the employer and the employee?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: It does?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, I believe so.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: It does, so. And you're trying to clarify it. So this is really not an additional plan that you can opt into?

SENATOR STUHR: No, it is an early buy-out payment opportunity.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Yeah.