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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So we're talking about a 19-year-old who runs away from home, maybe to get out of an abusive situation, would come under this compact?

SENATOR HOWARD: If the child is a ward of Nebraska under the jurisdiction of the court system, yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does this line that I read indicate that the child is a ward of the state?

SENATOR HOWARD: The interstate compact applies to children that are wards of the state. I don't know if that particular line would apply to it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you will show me where it says in the bill that the only children affected by this bill are those who are under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court or are wards of the state?

SENATOR HOWARD: Sir, I would like to clarify that those are the children that I have worked with through the system, are the children that are under the jurisdiction of the court system and are wards of the state of Nebraska. And I've worked through this system.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I think we need to know, when we're adopting a bill such as this that would make Nebraska a part of a compacting state, exactly which children are going to be involved. Because it says in this fiscal note, the proposed compact language concerning runaways is broader than our current language. So it is reaching further than the existing law of Nebraska. But my time is probably up, so I won't pursue the questioning right this minute. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, sir.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you may continue. Your light is next. Senator Chambers, you may continue.