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amendments. Senator Raikes, Chairman of the Education Committee, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm going to be brief on this. The committee amendment does two things you should be aware of. One, it delays the implementation of the measure until the 2006-2007 school year and, second, it would allow physician's assistants and advanced practice registered nurses to administer the visual evaluations. Those are the two important things that are done. It's important to point out that physician's assistants and advanced practice registered nurses are currently authorized to administer the required physical examination. So with that, I'd be happy to address any questions. I would urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments offered by Chairman Raikes of the Education Committee. Open for discussion, Senator Bourne, followed by Senators Schimek and Kruse. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in support of the committee amendment, but I do have a couple of questions I'd like to ask of Senator Byars, if he would yield.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, would you yield?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I certainly will.

SENATOR BOURNE: And, Senator Byars, I sit on the Education Committee with you and you know my concerns with the bill as the discussion in committee, at least during the hearing. What I'm concerned about is people not being able to afford this. And I'll tell you, I have a little different perspective. When my son was ready to go to kindergarten, I was in law school and a single parent at the time and, quite frankly, I was broke. And I could not have afforded the \$150 or \$180 eye exam, and I'll tell you, I know it's \$150 or \$180 because my son now wears glasses and he had an eye exam this summer and, believe it or not, I just got the bill, and not covered by insurance. And I want to say it's 150-some dollars was what the bill is. And I'm