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SENATOR HEIDEMANN: Thank you very much, fellow members. I rise in support of this bill. I was one of these kids that struggled in my earlier years in school because I couldn't see and I didn't realize it as fast as I probably should have. finally did go and I got glasses. I even fought them for a while, so I did struggle in learning for a little bit, so I do rise in support of this bill. I think it...it was my intent that I thought it would be really nice to get children going into kindergarten, get them a really good eye exam. And Senator Bourne has said that he's got some concerns about the help out there. I understand the help is already there, that the Lions Club and other groups actually, if there are parents that are struggling and this would be a burden on them, that they not only will but they already are stepping up and doing this service for the parents that can't afford this. Also, it's...if they don't want to go that route, we're going to go back to the waiver. They can sign this waiver and the obligation is thereby lifted. So if that's what the parent thought was best, he could go this route. It's control at the local level at the most. I mean, if the parent doesn't want to do it, the parent doesn't have to do it. But it's the whole intent of the bill to get that child a very good eye exam. The technology that they have today to test eyes is just ... I just got my eyes tested. They have something now called OptiMap where they can actually take a picture of your eye and behind your eye and they can map it and they can store that data and they can always tell how your eye is doing, and if it is changing, and they can tell if there's something wrong with your eye and they can address it at this time. I thought this would be the neatest thing to get a five-year-old child started on this so that if they had problems down the road, that they could always go back to this data and say, okay, it was this when they was five. I've been told that, because of this OptiMap, that they've had children come in already, and they have caught things that they was able to address at the time when they caught it, and if they hadn't caught it, it could have caused a loss of vision in this child. So how neat would it be to give every five-year-old kid this opportunity to catch problems that they might have and they don't even realize it? I know there's been an amendment put on it to let PAs and advanced practice nurses do this. I wish it would be a little bit more specialized test, but I still rise in