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teacher has no training in dealing with kids with special education needs. I mean, it is hellish in the black schools in Omaha. Calling them academies is just another way to brand them so people know what's going on. This is the context in which I expressed my lack of trust in these people that you have so much confidence in. If you're going to create a scheme by statute and mandate it, then I'm going to want to build in some protections at the same time that scheme is being presented. And if it hurts the feelings of nurse practitioners and optometrists, don't put this in the statute then. Leave things as they are. That's my position.

SENATOR BYARS: Senator Chambers and Senator Bourne both, think you both have worked with me often enough to know that I also have in the best interests the children that we're attempting to make certain that they're going to be able to be on the same level with every other child when they start to school, and that's my purpose. I don't want them to be behind. I don't want them to be different. I don't want anybody to look at them different. I want them to be on the same playing field. That's our obligations as policymakers. And I will certainly work with both of you to try to find appropriate language to make sure that each one of these children is treated fairly. don't know at this point what form that might take, but certainly...and we have done this before, and Senator Bourne and I have done it before, between now and Select File I certainly would work with you on some appropriate language to see if we could satisfy your concerns.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That was a very good use you made of your time, Senator Byars.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Byars, I've been off the floor a little bit so I don't know how much I've missed, but I have gone ahead and looked at Senator Bourne's amendment and I, too, think that it might be good to have a standard such as there is in that amendment that would make it very easy to determine. If the parent says that