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SENATOR BEUTLER: First of all, with regard to the amendment...which becomes the bill, right?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is there a fiscal cost to the state or to the county or to any employer by virtue of any of the provisions of the bill? Is there...are there any additional costs?

SENATOR STUHR: No.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And then, in Section 11 of the bill, where it says it would require the completion of 1,000 hours of service to receive credit for a full year of membership service, what is the current rule? Is that a...well, what happens now?

SENATOR STUHR: I'm not sure exactly what the current rule for Omaha is. I do know that the state plan for the other school employees is 1,000 hours. So what Omaha is trying to do is to come on board and be the same as...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Does this rule represent a further limitation of the rights of Omaha employees? Or does it represent an expansion of their rights?

SENATOR STUHR: I don't know that it actually has to do...it's just a...more or less, a clarifying provision on how many hours of work actually are defined as a year of service. And...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So you don't believe it represents any substantial deviation from what they do currently?

SENATOR STUHR: No. And I did have a handout, and if I could find that, but I can't seem to put my hands on it right now, what they formerly were. But they're just...they're trying to be as uniform as the rest of the school employees across the state.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But there's no cost associated with that provision?