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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein.   On with discussion of AM2724 to the Education Committee amendment. Senator Fischer, followed by Senator Louden. Senator, did you wish to be recognized? If you do, you are.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President, members.   Would Senator Raikes yield to some questions on this, please?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR FISCHER: I guess I have some comments first, Senator Raikes.   I have a number of educators in my area that have contacted me, and they're concerned with the amount of paperwork that   this   new   mandate, I guess we could say, would require of them. And in dealing with providing individual plans for all students, monitoring those plans, following up on it, and in smaller districts, where we don't have that many staff members and we usually only have one guidance counselor, they feel that it's going to put an undue burden on them.   How would you respond to them?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator Fischer, following up the conversation with Senator Wehrbein, we are not requiring any particular paper, in terms of a paper report. We're not requiring, least is the way it's written, that this paper report--there wouldn't be any paper report--be submitted to someone and approved by someone, and all that sort of thing.   So those kinds of concerns, I think, are...should be alleviated by that. I would guess that whether you have a smaller school district or a bigger school district, and I don't know which size school district this might be more of a challenge for, but my point is that either way, I think to serve the students appropriately in this day and age, at the beginning of high school you need to take a hard look, and as Senator Wehrbein pointed out, make a decision. Make a decision. The decision is not final, it can be changed.   But given this decision, this is the academic program that would be required, and so we're going to set on the