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SENATOR RAIKES: This is referring to a situation, Senator, where you have a student that is newly arriving, not sort of a continuing eighth grade student, if you will. And so rather than...it's simply a provision to allow some time to prioritize this sort of an activity, but to allow some time for it to occur. But that's what it's referring to. It's a student that is not sort of a continuing student, but one that arrives...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Louden.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...at the school system midcourse.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay, thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. Further discussion? Senator Stuhr, followed by Senator Smith and five others. Senator Stuhr. Is Senator Stuhr on the floor? I do not see her. We'll pass over...I'm sorry. You're recognized, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. The discussion certainly has been very varied on this particular amendment. I do think it is something that probably many schools are doing already, and I think that was evident from the hearing that was held on the bill, that there was not any opposition and that everyone came in in support. That doesn't mean that everyone was aware of that particular bill at that time. But I'm looking at it in the fact that I think it's important, and this is what we were just talking about. It's important for students to begin that process of thinking about their future, and that is really what the amendment is trying to do, is, that student could certainly bring that...his plan to the counselor, and then together, they sit down and look at what are the courses that are needed to arrive at this career expectation. And I think, you know, that's what we're talking about. Certainly, I think we could amend the academic plan, update it annually. I think once you have a plan, that it certainly may be changed. But the idea is, as I said earlier, we certainly have too many students--and I am a former teacher, and when students would come in their senior year and you ask