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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Where? Where do you see that?

SENATOR STUHR: I see that on page 4, line 25. And I'm just...I'm curious...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, I think that would be...you're talking about residency.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Proof of residency.

SENATOR STUHR: Uh-huh. Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That would be things like, for instance, the family would maybe have to provide utility bills to show they'd been living in the state, they'd have to provide the diploma from the high school, those kinds of documentary things to prove that indeed they had been here for at least three years and that the student had graduated from a public high school or any high school, private high school, and that the parent or guardian was actually with that student all of that time.

SENATOR STUHR: All right. Thank you, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: You're welcome.

SENATOR STUHR: That does help explain that area. Again, I guess, and it has been mentioned, that if a person does not have a citizenship, how can they legally work in the United States? Now I am...you know that I'm all for education, and I believe that Senator Jensen said earlier it is a leveler. But I have concerns about this bill and the fact that I don't believe that, again, that an illegal immigrant should be able to attend a postsecondary institution. And I believe that Senator Erdman, I also have...did state the intent of the federal law, and I have Section 505 of the 1996 Illegal Immigrant Act. An alien who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible on the basis of residence with a state for any postsecondary benefit. And I know that that is why we are actually addressing