

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm not sure if I really understood what the amendment does. And I'm not sure if my question is appropriate to your amendment or to another part of the bill, but let me ask the question anyway, Senator. School counselors who do a lot of counseling, I assume, with regard to where they're going to school and courses of...courses kids are taking, that sort of thing, also it seems to me end up do a lot of counseling having to do with cognitive types of things and this broad definition of mental health practice, behavioral problems, emotional problems, interpersonal and personal situations, school counselors do a lot of that, in fact, I think. And I guess my question to you or to Senator Wesely would be, are school counselors going to be required to be licensed...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...after...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No. No, Senator, if they would on...say, for example, in the off-time period in the summer or in a...they had a private practice on the side, they would have to do so in a private practice but they would not have to be licensed under this bill to do their job as a school counselor.

SENATOR BEUTLER: What language in this bill gives me reassurances in that regard?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator, I can find that in a minute, but...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...if we could go to the committee amendments and this amendment and I could point that out in the committee amendments when we get there. That would give me a second to find that for you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's fine. I'm sorry.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support this amendment and I also support the bill. This has