

SENATOR CROSBY: Yeah.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Crosby, it's...I'll see if I can give you the case that was brought to my attention to why this amendment was put on LB 348. Say, for example, a family who lives in town "x" decides to go into the North Platte system or the Lincoln system as an option program. Then they move into...that's it. Under any other school systems in the State of Nebraska, once you option you do not have another option left. So if you choose, you say I don't like that option, you can go back to your original district, with one exception. What happened was when you have a student from a town, say, option into the Lincoln schools or the North Platte schools who then say, no, for some reasons the family decided I want to put them into a private parochial school after that original option, the law now states that they're done. Their option has been taken because of the Lincoln school. They went into the parochial school and if they completed that whole program so there was not, for example, a 9-12, they just had eighth grade at that program, nothing else was there in that Christian or parochial school, then they would be forced by the law today to go back to the resident district. And in this particular case, the resident district, you know, they don't want to be in. This bill simply says that if they completed that, they would only be able to go back to the resident district or the original option district, they would not have another option choice. That's what that does if they complete the whole program.

SENATOR CROSBY: So it's helping them.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay. You understand why I just didn't quite understand why the private school thing was but now I do. I had one other question. You say everyone agreed to. Who is everyone?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: The Legislature already on Select File.

SENATOR CROSBY: Oh, okay.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I brought the amendment forward and we agreed to it.