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SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well, Senator Stoney, I would refer you to page 3, lines 14 and 15, where they may renew this certificate any number of times by earning eight approved semester hours. Would you object to amending that to say at least eight because when you pinpoint a number of hours are you boxing those people in where it must be eight and only eight?

SENATOR STONEY: I don't think there would be any restriction if an individual, if I understand your question, wish to obtain twelve hours toward that degree, I don't think they would be restricted but the minimum would be eight hours during the three year period.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: That is what I am saying. Would you object to say at least eight hours?

SENATOR STONEY: I don't think that would change the intent.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: You don't think it is an issue.

SENATOR STONEY: I really don't.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Thank you.

SPEAKER BURBACH: The Chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Stoney, a question relative to the retirement act. It is presently mandated that teachers contribute what, 3½%, of their pay to the teachers' retirement fund. Is this required of non-certified teachers or certified teachers?

SENATOR STONEY: I don't know what the present procedure is, Senator Murphy. I couldn't really answer that for you whether or not these noncertificated teachers participate or not. If Senator Lewis were in the Chamber, perhaps he could answer it. Perhaps someone else that is familiar with education could answer that question.

SENATOR MURPHY: I guess I go unanswered. I wasn't sure if this certification would, in fact, mandate that these 1500 teachers become participants in this retirement act.

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Murphy, it is my understanding now by the nod of the head that noncertified teachers also participate in the retirement.

SENATOR MURPHY: Are they required to or is it voluntary? I think it is required of certified teachers.

SENATOR STONEY: If it is required of certified, I am sure it is required of noncertified.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BURBACH: Motion on the desk. The Clerk will read.