

had for years and years in this state, and that is that we do the best we can as a state to make certain that the opportunity for education is provided to all of our young people. It seems to me and it seems to a number of folks that I have visited with that that is the interest of the state to make certain the opportunity is there to learn. Now when we come to the discussion, as we certainly will this morning and I am sure it is going to be debated at length and it should be, do you test the teacher or have some mechanism to make certain that the teacher or as best we can that the teacher has some ability to impart that knowledge from the basic curriculum or do you, in fact, test the product, the students themselves? Now since we have always followed the philosophy that we will make sure the opportunity is there but the state has never taken the position that you have to, in fact, take advantage of that opportunity, you have to, in fact, learn. Now there are many people that have told us that their parents have a lot of responsibility when it comes to education. I couldn't agree with that more. I think that is true. I think that is true whether it is a public school or a private school, but it seems to me that the basic responsibility the parents have are to try to as best they can motivate their children so that they will, in fact, learn. And I have some real problems with putting the state in that position to try to motivate and to make certain that those children learn. So that was the reason that we drafted the bill so that we have a minimal...tried to make it as minimal as we could on the measurement as to whether or not the individual that was going to be imparting the curriculum or imparting the knowledge, if you will, as best they could, had some basic abilities and we tried to do it through those three different ways that I mentioned. Now the other requirements of the bill are very similar to what we have in all schools right now. Now I have told a number of folks and I will say it again now that it is my intention...it was our intention to try to use a Parent Report Form as a vehicle for the information that we needed under the mechanisms we have got in 928, and if there is any specific changes that need to be made to make sure that that ability is there, then we certainly will be willing to try to do that over on Select File. But the idea, the basic idea is that we still through