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Then when that teacher is taken into that district, if they don't need an extra teacher, can that teacher with 15 years bump any of the teachers with less than 15 years out of the district? Is that how this works?

SENATOR HILGERT: We're not requiring anyone to bump anybody, but if there is an educator that needs to be riffed out, when they follow their established local government school board policy, that they would look on the universe of educators as all being equal; yes, the Class I teachers as equals and not penalized for being from a Class I. It would be...they would be considered on the same level, based on uniform criteria on the Class VI or the receiving school district.

SENATOR WITEK: So I think what I'm hearing is yes, yes, that the teachers can bump. Is that it? They can come...because otherwise if we're not...okay, there's one of two things that will occur.

SENATOR HILGERT: This is not a bumping amendment, I mean, the Class I school teacher could be...could perhaps only have one year of experience in that district. Let's say everyone in the receiving district has 15 years, obviously the Class I will not bump anyone, if their RIF policy follows...

SENATOR WITEK: But I'm saying...

SENATOR HILGERT: ...seniority.

SENATOR WITEK: But I'm saying the teacher in the Class I has 15 years, if you're requiring that the receiving district...

SENATOR HILGERT: Yeah, she will be treated as someone who has 15 years of education, which, in fact, is the truth.

SENATOR WITEK: So, and they could very well bump off somebody who has less experience?

SENATOR HILGERT: If that's the policy of the school board on their RIF policy, that's certainly correct. We're going to treat that 15-year veteran as a 15-year veteran, that's correct.