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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And in that opinion, a copy of which we got from a Mr. Grasz, didn't it talk about not wanting to offend people's religious views by not saying clearly that it's a theory?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, and, Senator Bruning, I don't want to argue evolution with you but to let you know that that change had been made. This state board would probably be opposed to a mentoring program if it was under the auspices of the Nation of Islam, isn't that true, because they're Muslims not Christians, so these programs would not qualify, would they?

SENATOR BRUNING: I don't know that to be true, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if what the Muslims teach is found to be offensive to Christians and the state board has to change rules so as not to offend Christians, why should we expect any non-Christian group to be allowed to participate in this program? Do we have anything in here that addresses that question?

SENATOR BRUNING: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We just leave it to this board to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do we know how the board will define the term "mentoring"?

SENATOR BRUNING: Senator, I didn't want to box them in. I left them leeway specifically, although there is some guidance as you can see.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm asking, do we know how they are going to define mentoring?

SENATOR BRUNING: The programs supported shall be ones designed