

option of notifying...other than notifying your parents is to go before a judge, not to tell them how to go before a judge, but let them know that they have the option of going before the judge. To clarify what my intent was, I'm indicating two sections of this amendment, one, the provisions of this section shall be narrowly construed to require a school district to provide only the information specified in this section. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require a school district to provide specific information regarding how students may implement the judicial bypass provisions of Section 3 of this act. The second thing that I added to this amendment, given the normal level of distrust that exists by some proponents of this bill with the State Department of Education, indicating that after the standardized information form has been developed by the State Department of Education telling what the schools shall tell the young people, that it shall be the subject of a public hearing. So, if they feel that that information that the State Department is disseminating does, in fact, lean too heavily on the side of counseling young women about how to utilize the judicial bypass provisions, they'll have an opportunity to object to that at a public hearing, in front of the State Board of Education. I, frankly, don't think the amendment is needed, because I think the original intent was clear from original debate that if there is a concern, and if the supporters of 425 feel that there is a need to further clarify what was intended by my original amendment, I'm offering this amendment, and would suggest that the Legislature adopt it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. I'll now recognize senators in the following order, Senator Wesely, Senator Labeledz, and Senator Chambers. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I have spoken precious little, if at all, on this issue. I'm going to rise and question the need for the Withem amendment. One of the things I think I'd like to say about the issue, and the Withem amendment allows me the chance to do this, that I came into this issue with mixed feeling, but intending to oppose 425, as I have the previous parental notification legislation. But as we've amended it, and with the Withem amendment, a few days ago, as we've amended it with the Rasmussen amendment, a few hours ago, and as we've amended it with other reasonable type attempts to recognize the flaws in the bill, it has become more and more difficult for me to decide, as clearly, whether or not to