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teacher or administrator currently employed. Is that right?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And some of these teachers who are currently employed probably came from faraway places and you probably don't know their background. Is that right?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So wouldn't the best interests of the children dictate that all current teachers be covered by this law as well as future teachers?

SENATOR DIERKS: You're right,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...and they could.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pardon me?

SENATOR DIERKS: They could still run the check.

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, they can't. They are prohibited from doing this.

SENATOR DIERKS: No, I think they could still do it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Under this bill?

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm not sure about that, Senator Beutler. I think that the thing we have to remember is that those teachers who are already employed have evidently passed muster and we're trying to implement a bill that will provide for these protections for new employees and ad infinitum.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, with regard to new employees, what...are old employees who are not teachers, are they going to be...are they required to be verified?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, you have to understand that the bill says that the Board of Education who is responsible for implementing the investigation on certificated employees has to do do it. It says they shall do it, but the school boards themselves, the