

program in a certain area for certain kids, they can do that, yes they can.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay.

SENATOR BAACK: Choice is misconceived by a lot of people. A lot of people think that choice means that a student can attend any district they want in the state. That is not what choice is. The choice is that they do not have to attend the district that they live in. They may apply to a district that may refuse them, that may happen. Districts are going to set policies to refuse them. So you don't have a choice to go anywhere you want. You have a choice to move out of the district where you are presently residing, but not just to any district, that district also has to accept you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Further discussion? Senator Schimek. Senator Lamb on deck.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. President, or Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Baack another couple of questions.

SENATOR BAACK: Certainly.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Baack, I've just...I'm looking at an article here that was in one of the local papers, and it...from reading this I have gathered that Minnesota phased in their plan.

SENATOR BAACK: Correct.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Does this bill provide for a phase-in, or does it become, you know, effective immediately?

SENATOR BAACK: The way the bill is presently written it would become effective immediately. But I do have, in the pack of amendments that you have, there is a phase-in program. It would take four years to phase it in. And I will talk about that when I get to that amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: You will...you are going to offer an amendment...