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SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Johnson, if amended, what size of a care facility or child care home would this bill apply to, how many children?

SENATOR JOHNSON: You have to have five or more children in the facility for the bill to even apply.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Does that. . .

SENATOR JOHNSON: That is now in the bill.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Does that include your own children or exclude them?

SENATOR JOHNSON: That includes your own children.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Five or more children.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Right. So, if you are caring for children for others and you total up with five or more children in the home when you are caring for children of the others then you are subject to the little regulatory scheme in the bill. Current law Senator Higgins if you care for two children you are subject to regulation.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So you have raised it to five.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Yes, that was with the Senator's Newell and Haberman amendment, what seems like an eternity ago.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And, this is a bill that regulates to what extent?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well the regulator standard is health, safety and protection of children. It does not regulate curriculum, it does not regulate teacher qualification, does not regulate programmatic offerings, it regulates whatever is healthy, whatever is in safety needs and whatever is protective of children.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Does it require, are you required to take your children to these places?

SENATOR JOHNSON: No.

SENATOR HIGGINS: If I choose to take a child to a next door neighbor, that is all right?