

training providers so that they can care for these type of special needs children and the training under this bill also mentions that as well. And this would be totally at the option of the provider. I mean they could choose or not choose to do that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR BECK: Okay. I just have another question then, Senator Wesely, on page 9, if you just quickly look at that. Now I am, I'll have to admit, I've done some research and we've found that many young black women use, and others as well, but they use the extended family and we're talking here about voluntary registration of day care home providers. My concern then is coming down into lines 12 through 17 is, once registered, can we...what will the mechanism be in other words, to unregister and how do we assure voluntary day care homes, how do we assure that they have the care and the supervision that they should? And so I'm confused about that and I just wondered what you might want to say about that early on in the discussion of this bill?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely, could you answer that one in two sentences? The time is about up.

SENATOR WESELY: Two, sentences...boy, well, I got one more than I had last time. The voluntary registration is purely optional so people...the providers wanted the chance to be in the food program, but they have to be somehow licensed or registered by the state, so this is an attempt to recognize for providers, if they so choose, they could voluntarily register. Then they would qualify for the food program which would be advantageous to the children and to the provider as well. And as for opting out of the voluntary registration, going in is your choice, going out would be your choice, and as for regulating it, we kind of leave it open with the department and they would have to establish the standards and everything, but certainly they would be less cumbersome than the licensure and our intent is good in that regard.

SENATOR BECK: I see, okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, followed by Senators Nelson and Hall.