

and so the day care provider will have to make a judgment call and hopefully involve the parent, and the parent, I think, will want to take the child in to be...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Wesely, I think you might be getting into an area here that is going to cause you some problems. The second question, school districts are given the discretion to provide or pay for transportation to before and after school child care programs. Isn't this putting a lot of pressure or putting those school districts underneath the gun? They're already saying that the state dictates to them, that's why we're over our budget; the state dictates this, it costs too much money. Do you really think this is absolutely necessary that we have this in the bill?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Can't they do this now?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, right now, well, Senator Haberman, right now Senator Landis passed legislation authorizing schools to provide before and after school care. It's authorized, but not very many schools actually have done it. I mean, it's up to them. This would add to that, their ability if they so chose, to provide the transportation to and from as well and so all it is is authorizing and we've had the other authorizing in and it doesn't mean that they will do it, but it's their local option, local choice.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I appreciate that it's a choice, Senator Wesely. Is there any provisions in the bill...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...for the financing to pay the schools for this extra cost?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, since it would be the local school's choice, I guess the local schools would have to pay for it and they'd have to factor that into their decision, but if they didn't want to do it, didn't want to pay for it, then they wouldn't have to do it.

SENATOR HABERMAN: So, in essence, we're laying another layer of a reason why the school costs and the property taxes go up.