

eight. Eight is the maximum you can have, and the problem, you were identifying with the grandmother I believe it was and the grandkids, that was a problem that we think will be answered a month from now when the new rules and regs are adopted and that concept is called overlap and the new rules and regulations that were mandated by this body are going to reflect that you can have an overlap and more than eight children on a temporary basis to meet that problem of before and after school, maybe over the lunch hour, which has occurred from time to time throughout the state. This is the biggest problem with the rules and regulations and the new rules and regs should take care of most of those concerns of overlap. Senator Haberman talked about the additional cost of allowing the schools to choose to provide transportation services. Senator Landis noted that on the bill he passed, and this would apply to that as well, the school districts have that choice, an option to provide services, but in the case of the services, they could also have a fee and so hopefully the fee would come to close to if not cover the cost of that service, Senator Haberman. And in addition, on the contagious diseases, as I said, that's already being provided for now, that we have protections for children in day care settings to not be exposed to contagious diseases and so this merely adds a reporting requirement that wasn't there before so that we'd never have repeated the situation that we had in Omaha where a young child was crippled for life as a result of lack of information being shared to the other families. That's what we're trying to accomplish. Okay, Senator Smith, page 16, another question. Oh, okay, she asked on the subsection (1) on page 16, encourage the development of comprehensive systems of child care programs and...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...early childhood education programs which promote the wholesome growth and educational development of children. Just...this division in the Department of Education which has already been established earlier this year, this would give them some guidance from the Legislature on what we hope to do and it's simply that the Education Department would keep on top of this issue and look for different models and ideas on how we can influence and improve our child care programs and I doubt that they'd have, without coming back to the Legislature, much ability to see much implemented, but at least by keeping on top of the issue and reporting back, we would know about different ideas and concepts that we might want to pursue as a