

In other words, can this be carried to the point that there might be another area of education involved here?

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Wehrbein, that's an excellent question and I think I know...others have asked it and I know where you're coming from. You're afraid of forcing providers to take these children that they may not necessarily feel comfortable or trained to take, that's not the intent at all. It's an attempt to show that it makes sense where the person is trained and wants to care for these children in that setting so they have an interaction and that sort of thing. It's the same concept we have in the schools that we try and integrate those kind of children at our schools. But whereas that's mandated at the school level, it would not be under this bill whatsoever. It's just...this would be nice, the training would be there available, people feel comfortable and they choose to have the training, choose to take these people. It would be something I think is good, but, no, there is no intent or no plan to have that mandated.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Back to me, if I may, then on the first question, how widespread is the use of that now and what they say no data is available for the dollars. Is that an open-ended dollar amount potentially too, tremendous amount, I should say?

SENATOR WESELY: Well, right now that would be under Title XX that we'd primarily be concerned. That would be our obligation and from what I understand it's not...there are not very many special need kids at this time and it's not anticipated that there would be that many under this program. So, what they would do is set the schedule, differentiating the reimbursement rate for special need for infants and for more normal age children and obviously we'd have to end up with some different reimbursements, but it's hard to judge how that will impact a number of individuals utilizing it and whatever, so it is hard to guess right now I guess.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: You're thinking we're not talking a large amount of money...

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...with the fiscal note? I mean you're