

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, now this takes it one step further and allows school districts to charge. Are they allowed to transport preschool children on a school bus right now?

SENATOR WESELY: It's...no, I would have to say, no, it's not clear that they're able to do that.

SENATOR MOORE: (inaudible) (interruption)

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Rasmussen has some legislation that deals with this to some degree.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, maybe...I see Senator Rasmussen, later she can better answer my...or I don't know if she can better answer my question or...

SENATOR WESELY: No, let me...but hers is only in special ed, but it ties in. It's the same concept that we want to allow...

SENATOR MOORE: Obviously the state reimburses for special ed now. This has nothing to do with state reimbursement, but so my concern is what is going to happen, how much activity we're talking about, how many kids are eligible? Obviously, you know, it's just, want to talk a little bit about it now before it becomes an issue later on, but it's a policy step where you're now (1) allowing school districts to transport preschool children on a school bus.

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR MOORE: That is, that happens in Section 31 of this bill. Secondly, it allows school districts to charge people for those transportation. I don't...maybe Senator Withem is the one that can answer this question, but does a school district, do they charge for transportation now? I'm assuming they do. Maybe Senator...

SENATOR WESELY: I think in some cases they do, some cases they don't, it would depend. I know in Lincoln it's differentiated.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Withem, school districts now already are charging patrons for some transportation costs I assume. Senator Withem.