

hear me.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Robinson, the question I have, is there a requirement that foster parents call the school before they accept the foster child in their home?

SENATOR ROBINSON: I don't believe so. I don't believe so.

SENATOR MOORE: So, then why would this bill have any effect on what foster parents do and where they go?

SENATOR ROBINSON: I didn't say they would.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, you said if you pass this bill how the foster care program would degenerate, you know.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well, the schools...

SENATOR MOORE: The schools have no choice in that, Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR MOORE: A foster family makes a decision to accept a foster child.

SENATOR ROBINSON: That is correct.

SENATOR MOORE: They don't call the school and ask their permission. That is a decision they make. The schools are required to teach them because as any kid in that school district has to be taught, so its...

SENATOR ROBINSON: But not like every other child in that school district.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, and then the other comment about special ed... 40 percent,

SENATOR ROBINSON: Forty percent, 35 to 40 percent, that is correct.

SENATOR MOORE: And is that total cost borne by the school districts in special ed?