

go in and this would violate that standard, would you go through a justification of that for me, besides something that it's nice to keep families together.

SPEAKER BAACK: Well, that is...that is the main justification for it and I think that, you know, we do provide for that exception in this case because it could happen that a school district was full and they could be at capacity and they could be defined as at capacity, but they would still have to allow the sibling in under this...under this amendment, they would still have to allow the siblings to attend that school district. And I...I think it's just good policy from the standpoint that I think the children should be allowed to go to the same school from the same family and I just think that that's good policy to do that.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Walk through me then, again, the idea of the choice legislation. Let's assume, as the discussion you had earlier, that the eleventh grader that was allowed to opt in used music for their justification as coming in, the other student opted to use it for some different reason which allowed, at this point, so the school district could say, no, we're full for that...from that particular area, for the most part, even though there's different criteria and different needs for students to be opting into districts, you still feel it's...because you have five or six maybe kids in the same family they all should be able to go. And the other part of that question would be even if the school district has to add to faculty, has to add a section or whatever, because now they are at risk, maybe there's three or four students in elementary, for example, that they would have to opt in, even if it adds additional burden to that school district, we should go ahead and make an exemption on that portion?

SPEAKER BAACK: Well, Senator Bernard-Stevens, I do think it's good policy to make that exception in this case. And I suppose there might be an instance or two where you might have that happen. I can't imagine that you would have to add faculty in very many cases for something like this to happen. I can't imagine you're going to find that many siblings that are going to be following. We already allowed...last year we already allowed, if you had been in the school district for two years, we already allowed all of that to take place. So a lot of the siblings are already...already following their siblings in the school districts now. This is a very, very limited exception.