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SENATOR McKENZIE: Senator Robinson, I would say some parts of it may be true. Mandates have not driven the cost other than new categories have been added. Fewer teachers...

SENATOR ROBINSON: That's a mandate though, isn't it?

SENATOR McKENZIE: Right. Fewer teachers, that, we've added 17 percent from the year 1989 to 1993. We had a 17 percent growth in numbers of children identified. We had a 45 percent growth in staffing and we had a 50 percent growth in the amount of money spent.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Will you answer my question?

SENATOR McKENZIE: Well, I would agree,...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR McKENZIE: ...and we have to look for ways to use...work regular (interruption)...

SENATOR ROBINSON: I'm not sure...well, I'm not sure you're answer is right, but...

SENATOR McKENZIE: Well,...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Well,...

SENATOR McKENZIE: It depends on when you talk about fewer teachers...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah.

SENATOR McKENZIE: ...which teacher you're talking about and what the teacher is doing.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah. And also it depends on if we have that...continue to have the 5 percent compounded teacher in administrative salary every year. Isn't that correct? Wouldn't that be a big influence on the cost?

SENATOR McKENZIE: I would say yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Now am I correct, in some states that