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SENATOR BOHLKE: Right. Well, if that would be adopted, but that, like I say, that would be no matter what amendment we do on this bill.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, what would you say are the highest costs involved in special education?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Senator Stuhr, you could probably get ten different answers from ten different people. I have...

SENATOR STUHR: I...

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...always said I believe it's in the verification process and who we now verify as special education as opposed to how that used to work, and if we look at the growth area, the really high need students, that hasn't changed that dramatically. If we look at where the growth rate has been, it's been in staff and it has been in the area of where we've verified new categories, I guess I would say, for special education.

SENATOR STUHR: Who verified those new categories, Senator Bohlke? Did the Legislature, Department of Education?

SENATOR BOHLKE: That added the different categories? Part of that came from federal government, part of that...

SENATOR STUHR: So we're really not going to be able to address that area?

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, we will, within that, within those areas, there are ways, there are certain students we could get a waiver on as far as who would be verified or not.

SENATOR STUHR: Have we been using...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Like...oh, okay.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Have we been using waivers now? I mean, has there been the possibility that schools could apply for waivers?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.