

additional cost, even though he's mainstreamed, they do have to have a part-time person who works with him and that cost comes out of special ed programming, as I understand it, the way he related it to me, and he knew quite a bit about the system and I couldn't speak intelligently on this subject either to him, but I said I'll find out, I'll ask. I said I think we'll get to it sometime tonight and I'll ask just what the impact of...and I know with this amendment now it's not going to be...have the same type of impact, but what happens to those types of individuals who want to be mainstreamed but still use resources that are considered special ed resources under this proposal, not necessarily under this amendment? I'm asking you on this amendment but I'm asking in general terms in relation to the bill.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Hall, under the proposal of the bill in general, nothing specifically happens to those individuals who I would assume that the young man you're talking about would be considered severely, profoundly handicapped. If, in fact, there was some discussion about not including him in a regular classroom, I would...assuming here, and you can correct me if I'm...

SENATOR HALL: That's a good assumption.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...wrong, the hard handicaps are those that we know cost a lot of money and to do inclusion often costs more than had we institutionalized. That's not the group of kids that we are believing, in any way, is impacting the cost in a way that is not appropriate and shouldn't be there. Actually, it will...

SENATOR HALL: All right.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...this will allow the local districts to continue to make decisions through the IEP and the parents' input. They have civil rights and he has civil rights....

SENATOR HALL: Right.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...that guarantee that the parents have say in how that happens, and the money should go to that child, not necessarily for administrative costs or for verification of some children who we could spend a lot of time deciding whether they should even be put in a category called special education.