

do, from what they have told us, is to inform the districts of the procedures of applying for a waiver in the event this legislation passes. It has the emergency clause so we would expect them to do that right away. The district then would have an opportunity of using the guidelines that they will give on how to...they know how the waiver works now because they already use it in some instances.

SENATOR STUHR: All right.

SENATOR BROMM: It will just be an expansion of that, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: But isn't it all together a different type of waiver? As I understand the waiver that they now have refers to innovative programs. It does nothing in relationship to civil rights, due process that parents, you know, have concern about. They, you know, they...so that's, you know, the waivers there are altogether different.

SENATOR BROMM: Well not entirely because one of the waivers that is being granted is, for example, if someone has six students and they want to have one full-time teacher, they apply for a waiver to have one teacher for six students instead of the recommended caseload of fourteen to twenty-one, and that's a waiver that is applied for and they assess whether or not that is practical or whether or not they'd be better off contracting with another entity for the service and so that process is being used. That's a similar...I mean that's an example of the kind of waiver we would expect to have done under the legislation.

SENATOR STUHR: So how are we going to be assured of uniformity? Because I think on the second page it says they shall grant or deny a waiver request. I mean, but that's, you know, it doesn't say anything else in relationship to I might come, someone else might come, you know, how are they going to make those decisions?

SENATOR BROMM: Well from the discussions I guess that I had with them, if the services are going to be provided in accordance with the law and it can be done in the manner being requested by the school, they will try to accommodate that waiver. Now if that waiver is going to compromise or not assure them that the services are being provided, that the federal rules or law requires or the state law requires, they told us