

would then use to operate at the new facility.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So the only problem we would have is if they remain where they are now beyond the middle of next year?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: And that's supposed to be the carrot and the stick here, that they have this one final time opportunity to do that which they have said they're going to do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if I understood Senator Brown correctly, if things just come apart and the Department of Education determined that it was necessary for them to remain in this location, they could do that and then the department would seek a deficit appropriation?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Of course, they could stay there and, of course, the department could seek a deficit appropriation, but I think you're hearing from us a commitment that we were going to do this one last time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I understand that, but the fact is if they wind up staying there and debts are contracted, the state would pay those debts by way of a deficit appropriation. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: As you well know, anybody can come for a deficit appropriation, whether it's approved by the body is another question, but, of course, they can come for the deficit appropriation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the end to all of this discussion is that in no case would the children being served by the School for the Deaf...

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SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...have no place to go after July, no matter how badly things are managed by or mismanaged in trying to make this transition from where they are now to another site?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I believe that's the case. I don't believe that the children would be without services.