

health care facilities and homes, outside of their home school district, but yet in an area where they live, that would impact certain districts more than others? Do you see this as being some kind of a relief for them and some assistance in handling those special children? May I speak to Senator McKenzie, please?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yes, Senator McKenzie, a question.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: I don't want to interfere with the Chair's ability to do his job. Senator Hillman, as I understand, it could, because it more accurately addresses the actual costs for those children, for those young adults who may have been institutionalized somewhere, who are now coming back in to the school district, but have maybe behavioral disorders, some other form of disabling condition, it allows that district to look at those needs outside of an average. And because those needs may be higher for that district, it would...it would be reflected in their needs and may qualify that district for more equalization aid. So that's how I understand the interaction would take place.

SENATOR HILLMAN: And then concerning... I know there's some people have some concerns that have been voiced about the study that is currently going on and whether we're premature with this. And, in your opinion, knowing...probably putting you on the spot here, but knowing what is happening, perhaps, a little bit more in these committees, do you see this particular amendment as being premature, considering that there are districts out there...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...that are going to be addressing this problem in a very short period of time?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Hillman, that is a difficult question for me to answer, because I think in the discussions, as far as I'm familiar with what has been talked about in a new formula, this issue has been one that has been proposed, that has been talked about, because an average doesn't tell you what your real needs are. As to whether or not we are being premature, I'm concerned that we don't do something that forces some breakdown or encourages some breakdown of the process that has been taking