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activities such as family nurturing, preemployment skills, or education. On the committee amendments, on line 2 we see the term...or line 4, excuse me, work-related child care expenses. My question for you is the requirements that I just set forth, are those considered work-related child care or would that be work-related and then eligible for child care expenses?

SENATOR JENSEN: I...

SENATOR HILGERT: In other words, if they're fulfilling their self-sufficiency contract, going through their nurturing classes, their preemployment skills and education, is that considered work related and eligible for the child care expense?

SENATOR JENSEN: I do not believe so.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay, so we're mandating that these folks participate in these activities but, yet, we're not providing the child care which they may need in order to participate in these activities?

SENATOR JENSEN: I believe that is correct. I'd like to check into that.

SENATOR HILGERT: Yeah.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yeah.

SENATOR HILGERT: And I don't know. So that...I'm just...I'm asking a question and it's not a leading question at all. I would like to know that. You made reference to special needs as far as having some extra benefits for child care expenses. Can you explain that briefly?

SENATOR JENSEN: I think the department should have that flexibility for those families where there are special needs that the limit would not apply.

SENATOR HILGERT: And do we have a definition of that, that the department can supply us as this debate continues?

SENATOR JENSEN: We don't yet.