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criteria are that they're looking for. And...and the second tier, after the criteria are established, would also require more...more paperwork to justify it than time in going out for site visits, and it's just a methodology to make sure that the parents, who are making the decisions, have all the information that they need with which to decide what program that they want to have their child involved in. Senator Bruning was a cosponsor of LB 735, the underlying bill, and he was a cosponsor. I will let him speak to it, but he told me that his reason for signing onto the bill was that when he was first looking for child care when his first child was born there was such a difference between the programs that had...were licensed and the programs that were accredited that he...that he visited. So there's a real...there's a real issue here, as I spoke to before I believe on this bill, that we have a method of arriving at what kind of quality standards that impact children should be a part of what we provide tax credits for, if there is an aspect of quality that needs to be part of the standard that allows us to provide the tax credit, especially with those...in those situations where businesses are contracting with existing programs. And I believe that that needs to be a part of this. It is not just...and especially with the previous amendment that was adopted where we are no longer providing for assistance with the cost of the land, which is a big part of the cost. I have been involved in fund raising for the establishment of quality early childhood programs and that quality can...you can afford to provide high quality programming with...with the fees that are paid by the family if...if a business or if you can get underwritten the cost of the land and the facilities. And so I was involved in fund raising for a program in Omaha that is considered a model and what we did was to underwrite the cost of the land, the facility, and the parent fees will continue to absorb the costs, but this program is an accredited program. And I believe that part of the movement that we need to make sure that we are doing in this area in terms of assuring that young children have the very best start possible, including those young children who are in out-of-home care, include some system that has higher standards in terms of training requirements and particularly this tiered system, which I think provides to parents a great deal more information as to what the qualities of the program are. But I will be very honest with you that one of the reasons that I am pulling this amendment, in