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costs. I'm more concerned about the time that it takes and whether that time, that delay, is so significant that you really might end up having businesses be discouraged...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...rather than encouraged.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, let me try to address that. Senator Landis offered the point that it would take 18 months or longer. I disagree with that. It says that the programs must be operational at least one year before accreditation. If you began operating the program, I read that to mean one year later you could achieve accreditation. And, in fact, it says typically it takes about nine months to a year to meet the requirements so that that I think further underscores that it could be achieved in one year. The other thing I would point...

SENATOR BROWN: But I have been involved with programs and it is not, I mean it's not quite as easy as you make it sound.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR BROWN: And I think we have to acknowledge those issues from the outset that we want to make sure that if we're doing something...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Suttle, on the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I think what we have to keep in mind here is this bill is not a child-care bill. This bill is an economic development bill and it's a tax credit bill. We...we're trying to fool ourselves if we're talking about childcare here. The Raikes amendment addresses quality childcare. And what we're hearing is, from the businesses what we're hearing is, that they can't afford to provide childcare without this tax credit. The