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SENATOR STUHR: Senator Schimek, I will attempt to answer your question. What the amendment does is, on the last page, it does strike "recognized assessment"...I mean, "recognized." But that means that the local board still, yes, chooses and selects the assessment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The local board still does that. And does the local board still have the choice to decide whether it wants to let younger children into school early? Do they still have that option? Or is this mandatory?

SENATOR STUHR: Well, they will have to actually...we are moving to that the child shall be five between...let's see, before September 1.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR STUHR: Right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But if there's a parent or guardian that requests an early entrance, that child can be tested. And I was thinking that before it said that...but that would be up to the local school board to decide.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And is that still true?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, it is.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. My next...this is more of a comment than a question. And I guess I would just like to know. And Senator Raikes, your charts are wonderful, but they make a very simple proposition rather complex, (laugh) if I say so myself. But I want to ask you a...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...a very definite question. And I'd better turn my light on again. The five-year-olds, those that aren't five by September 1 but may be by December 31, you've indicated