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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So your committee amendment broadens the scope of individuals that can participate in this activity, but then is permissive in that it gives the department flexibility, in that you change the reimbursement from a "shall" in the green copy, to they "may" reimburse?

SENATOR BAKER: I think that's correct. And also, all those other requirements in the committee bill, in the committee amendment. The eligible person...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...has to be...the eligible person has the right to choose this person, individual, for transportation.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And can I ask, Senator Baker, what was the thought on the committee level relative to changing that the department "shall" reimburse to "may," to give them some level of discretion?

SENATOR BAKER: Just to give them some discretion, some flexibility.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: But if an individual fits all the criteria as laid out in Section 1,...

SENATOR BAKER: Well,...

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...what would prevent...what would be the reasonings for the department to deny payment if they fit all the criteria?

SENATOR BAKER: It might be an inappropriate trip someplace, I would think, would qualify that they would not qualify for reimbursement. There are guidelines that they have to follow in order to be reimbursed, and if they simply went to, say, a movie or something like that, they would not be obligated to reimburse for that trip.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Okay. Thank you, Senator Baker.