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SPEAKER BRASHEAR: In fact, there actually...we have established early childhood education programs operating in the state that are considered exemplary and...on a regional and national basis, and have been the model for other things. So while in theory I agree with you, I think in practical fact it would not work that way.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator Brown, you were interested in commenting on this, I think, were you not?

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, Senator Beutler. I was involved in the establishment of our current early childhood programs. And even though this will be a public-private partnership, it will operate under Rule 11, which is the rule out of the Department of Education about what constitutes a high-quality early...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BROWN: ...childhood program. And so there...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Is that required in the endowment agreement?

SENATOR BROWN: I don't know that it's required in the endowment agreement, but I know that that's the way that they will be operating under Rule 11. And so we've already established what constitutes a high-quality program, what some of the aspects of it are, and done it in rule. And so because there will be state money involved, they will have to follow Rule 11.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. I notice...let me continue to ask you, Senator Brown, because you're obviously into this. I notice there's language in here that indicates that the programming of the endowment doesn't necessarily have to be consistent with continuity with kindergarten and the formal structure of the school system. It doesn't have to be on a continuum