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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Howard, would you yield to a question from Senator Smith?

SENATOR HOWARD: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Howard, briefly, how would you say this would change the current practices of the local authority to have full-day kindergarten?

SENATOR HOWARD: Well, actually, a much higher percentage of the school districts do engage already in all-day kindergarten than I, in fact, had anticipated. I don't know that this is going to be a dramatic change, when you consider the numbers.

SENATOR SMITH: So what percentage of districts offer or even require full-day kindergarten right now?

SENATOR HOWARD: Right now we have 294 districts in the state of Nebraska offering 100 percent all-day kindergarten, and this would equate to over 80 percent of the students that we have in Nebraska.

SENATOR SMITH: Eighty percent of the kindergarten students.

SENATOR HOWARD: Those eligible to be in all-day kindergarten, yes.

SENATOR SMITH: So do those students have the option of half-day or full-day kindergarten?

SENATOR HOWARD: It's my understanding that the program is for full-day kindergarten.

SENATOR SMITH: So it's either no kindergarten at all or full-day?

SENATOR HOWARD: It's my understanding for the percentage of students that I just quoted and the number of districts, that the program is offered full day.