

youngster, for example, who is having trouble in the regular class of absorbing, getting, and keeping up with the rest of the kids. He has a learning disability. He or she then is pulled out of that regular class, placed in an LD class for a period of either six months, or one term, or two terms, depending on how long it takes. That LD teacher then is to determine the problem and develop a regimen by which that youngster can go back to the regular class and keep up. Now, how does the six hours affect this youngster?

SENATOR VICKERS: If the youngster is in this...

SENATOR GOODRICH: LD class.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...other LD class, or the special education class, for more than six hours...six hours or more a week, then the state will still reimburse that school district at a 90 percent excess cost, just as we have in the past. If, on the other hand, this youngster is in this other classroom less than 6 hours a week, in other words, sometimes they are only put in the other class for maybe 15 minutes a day, or maybe 3 hours a week, or 2 hours a week, then is when the 90 percent or the cap comes in place.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Okay. Then after our base year, for example, there will be no more increase in the cost of this program, LD program, we'll say.

SENATOR VICKERS: There will be no automatic increase, Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Right. But what, for example,...how is it handled if this year you have 15 youngsters enrolled in your school district that have LD problems? They are over the six hours, we'll say. Plus, next year or the year after the base year it increases through additional enrollments that you have 20 youngsters now needing this LD regimen determination, and that sort of thing, LD help. If you go from say 15 youngsters, the base year, to 20 the following year, how are the extra 5 paid for?

SENATOR VICKERS: The amount of dollars that will be available for that particular program, the Level 1 program, will be prorated among the school districts based on the number of students that are in each school district. So, it is possible, in the situation you described, for a school district to get