

want to put it that way, so they don't get in that situation to start with.

SENATOR GOODRICH: In the definitions, for example, of LD or whatever the other categories are, I'm just dealing with LD because that happens to be what we are dealing with in this bill, you are changing the definition of LD qualification, for LD program, in other words, to comport with the federal statutes, and is that a lessening of the standards, or is it an increase in the standards?

SENATOR VICKERS: First of all, yes, it does follow the federal guidelines and it narrows the standard slightly, it narrows the standard slightly.

SENATOR GOODRICH: It would be less qualifying for that...

SENATOR VICKERS: Right.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, first of all, I want to commend Senator Vickers, also Senator Lamb. I've had the pleasure to serve with him for two years. This is a very complicated issue, a program that not one of us doesn't realize how good the program is. It has simply grown to the point that we cannot handle it. There are a couple of points, in the first place, I served on the criteria two years ago, and some of we senators...transportation and so on. I guess somewhat this may be a bill of "trust me". But we have worked very hard and very diligently. A lot of people have given us input. The total savings, I can't tell you. It is very hard to even make savings because this is tied to teachers' salaries. I want people to understand that. I only have one question for Senator Vickers. I think that he's done very well in explaining it. I'll relinquish the rest of my time to him, or if he has any other points that he does want to make, I do want to maybe mention to the body, and I don't think...I was called out for a minute, Senator Vickers did mention we considered age. I think we've found, through experience, that the very young, particularly in hearing and so on that the few dollars that we do save probably costs us on down the line. Now, we had other points to consider other than what Senator Vickers mentioned, and some that we felt could be handled in the next special session, that would be