

Moore's question was, do I envision this costing extra...school districts extra dollars? It may include...it may involve some additional responsibilities, I would point out, for the benefit of the body, far, far less than the bills you have introduced in the last few years dealing with this area of accountability on the local school districts. The cost of the test itself is built into the appropriation and that's so that the test will not have to be purchased at the local level if the bill passes at its current level. Thank you, Senator Hannibal, I yield back the remainder of your time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you. I don't want to get involved with the merits of the amendment, however, I think it is...we have had kind of a technical argument come up as to whether you need an A bill separate or not. And Senator Moore pointed out the section of rules that suggests that all bills that have a fiscal impact like this would have an A bill, why then can you have, as Senator Haberman was asking, why can you have a bill that has an A bill in it? Senator Withem has said that there have been bills before...as I read, that have done that very thing. As I read Section 6 of Rule 5 very quickly, and I'm not an expert on rules by any means, I have the distinct impression that this rule is set so that no bills of substantive measures that have definite prescribed fiscal impacts would be passed without having those impacts or those programs specifically appropriated. This bill does not do that. This bill has substantive issues and it has a direct appropriation with it, so it does not, in my estimation, violate the rule. For bills that would go contrary to that, that would have substantive and substantial fiscal impacts on them, this rule is put in so that an appropriations bill would accompany that, that particular issue. This bill encompasses both. I don't see any violation of the rule with that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members, I'm still...I want to agree with Senator Withem. As Senator Withem pointed out, I have myself introduced bills and will continue to do so, bills gathering information for student achievement across the state and I guess I...you're saying the price of this paying the bill only pays for the cost of the test itself and, obviously, the administration in a school district would, obviously, be...no