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Legislature last year. Several of the changes were to clarify the maximum levy to be used in the calculation of various components of state aid during the transition from \$1.10 to \$1.00. Generally components that look back will use the \$1.10 for the calculation of 2001-2002 aid. Components that look forward use the \$1.00 maximum levy. The special education definition is expanded to include speech, language pathology, occupational therapy and physical therapy if they consist of specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability, the prohibition against reimbursement for special education expenses incurred more than 60 days prior to the filing of a petition. Several absolute statutes are outright repealed, and other technical changes clarify various statutes. And I would take any questions, and I don't guarantee that I'd be able to answer them, but I'll have technical assistance, if there are questions. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Suttle. Mr. Clerk, are there committee amendments?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, there are amendments from the Education Committee. (AM2545, Legislative Journal page 798.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator...Senator Suttle, would you like to open on the committee amendments?

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Madam President. The committee amendments amend the enrollment option provision for students in districts that merge, replace the lop-off limitations for certain systems, further clarify the maximum levies to be used for the different components in the calculation state aid to be paid in 2001-2002, clarify that School Finance Review Committee is not limited to meeting one time per year, and clarify which districts must repay temporary mitigation funds. Section 79-234 is added to the bill and amended by allowing students who have optioned into a merging district to continue their first option and use the second option at a later time. A new provision allows local systems receiving less than 20 percent of the General Fund operating expenditures from property tax to replace the lop-off limitations of 17-1008, with the limitation that equalization aid cannot exceed the General Fund operating expenditures as defined in the Tax Equity and Education