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department itself to state government other than our teacher training institutions that may be state institutions. There are 17 colleges that have teacher training programs in Nebraska. Some are private; some are public.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: So it is going to private college students as well as public.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And is this done up-front or on the back end of the educational process?

SENATOR THOMPSON: It's up-front and the teacher training institutions will select the students for it and their motivation to select the best students, and I think we have, and I'm going to have to go back and I didn't know this was going to come up today so I'll go back and get the information, but I believe the students, to be eligible, have to have a 3.0, but I'm going to get that down here and then...or we may have left it to the training institutions. But the...I believe that's in there. They're supposed to be their...the students they select for this program are supposed to be the students they feel are the most likely to be quality educators in the state and will be interested in teaching in the state upon completion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And...and the formula has already been worked out...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...as to how many...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...scholarships, if you want to call them that,...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...each school gets.