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heard on LB 211 in the past several weeks about how important it is, that NRDs, technical community colleges, and ESUs need this information for cash flow reasons, for budgeting reasons, were very legitimate, and if that is so for those subdivisions of government, it certainly is valid for school districts who have a probably more acute need for the funds than the other subdivisions of government that are under this particular bill at this time. If the bill is proper, and if the bill is prudent for ESUs, NRDs, and community colleges, certainly I don't think anybody on this floor can argue that it would be just as prudent, if not more so, for school districts to be...to have this information available to them. I think Senator Lewis' point that we're not putting an undue burden on counties, because they are compensated for this, is well taken and so I don't think that we are creating a hardship on counties. I think Senator Murphy has an excellent amendment to this bill, and to be consistent with what this body has said in the last several weeks, I think we need to support it.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Presiding Officer and members of the body, I want to correct a few misconceptions, I think, that we might have. By merely notifying a school district, or any other subdivision of government there is money there does not really mean anything, only that it's possible to write an order for it signed by the officers of that organization, that subdivision of government to take the money out. So I guess I'd like to ask Senator Murphy a question if I could about his intentions of how he understands this. Could I ask a question of Senator Murphy?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Murphy, would you respond?

SENATOR KAHLE: If I understand you correctly, the school board should be notified by the County Treasurer of the amount of funds that are available if they request it. Is this correct?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, sir. If I may, Senator Kahle, let me say this. If I read the bill correctly, he is preparing that report, and must, for all cities, villages, NRD, voc tech, and the like. Now he's going to prepare this notice of funds received, and for some strange reason, one more copy of the report he prepares is not going to go to the schools, and I fail to see why.