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SENATOR NICHOL: Well, what do you mean, responsible for them?

SENATOR KAHLE: Are they recorded in their reports that they have to give? Will they still be?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, I understand that they are, yes. They are responsible the way they are doing it now and of course if they turn them over to the State Treasurer they would be responsible and make a record of how much they turned over.

SENATOR KAHLE: How is the money dispensed then or dispersed back out?

SENATOR NICHOL: The way it is done now?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes, and the way this would do it?

SENATOR NICHOL: It goes into the permanent school fund of the state so however that money is distributed. The bill does not go into how it shall be distributed, just to where it goes.

SENATOR KAHLE: I guess what I am wondering and perhaps we don't have the answer. Is it distributed locally or is it in the state distribution?

SENATOR NICHOL: No. The way the bill proposes in going into the state school funds, those monies would not be distributed locally. They would be on a state level. The way it is now and the way they are doing it now, they do go locally into the county.

SENATOR KAHLE: But that is supposed to be unconstitutional you are telling me?

SENATOR NICHOL: That is right. That is what I understand. I could distribute the letter if you would like, Senator Kahle, or if you would be interested. Any of those that are interested I would be happy to show that to them.

SENATOR KAHLE: I am certainly concerned that if the responsibility is the county treasurers at the county level in any way, shape or form, I think they should be made responsible. Of course if the constitution says something else, then I think they should be relieved of that responsibility.