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cost, let us try to meet it as soon as we can. Don't defer it another year. The schools are already paying more than they should on this issue because we have said, you shall do these things. If you want to redefine level 1, then you had better do it before you start cutting, because we say we shall serve level 1 handicapping and we do. So, therefore, I ask for the adoption of this amendment and I would ask Senator Warner one question. Senator Warner, in the budget bill, is the intent statement there that in case there is this deficit I am talking about right now, 3.4 million, that this Legislature will meet that obligation in a deficit appropriation to carry out the obligations of rules and regs in the 90 percent of excess costs?

SENATOR WARNER: Is that language in the bill?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes, is it in the budget bill?

SENATOR WARNER: No.

SENATOR KOCH: Why not?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I guess we never have. There.... (interruption).

SENATOR KOCH: I would feel a little more comfortable, Senator Warner, if it was in there.

SENATOR WARNER: The bottom line, Senator Koch, is that as you well know we cannot bind another section in any event, but let me say that had we put the language which is not in the bill, and this is significant, that next year's deficiency would not exceed \$2 million....how much are you adding....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR WARNER: Had we said that next year's deficiency will not exceed \$2,418,000, then you would have had grounds to argue that we did not intend to do it, but that language is not in the bill, so it is openended as far as direction to the department as to the level of deficiency that can be requested next year. They still...and I am still assuming that some efficiencies can perhaps be made which is our understanding, but there is no limit on the level of deficiency and had we intended it to be, that could have been put into the bill and it is not.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you, Senator Warner. I will make one