

as we review...there is at least one issue I can recall that will allow us to get at the kinds of questions that Senator Smith is raising, and maybe we want to look at, I have learned a new term over the weekend, "restructuring". Maybe we can and maybe we can't restructure the department to get at this with some positive impacts I'd hope on this fiscal note, but I need to start, I guess, to look at this. Do we anticipate acquiring existing software someplace out there, Senator Withem, or I see on the fiscal note you have got some additional people on there that would obviously be people with specialized levels of skills? Can you respond to that a little bit more as far as what kinds of software or other materials that we might be looking at that we don't have that we are going to have to do to get where you want to be?

SENATOR WITHEM: I don't believe there is a portion of the request in here dealing with computer software. No, there is not.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: That is a possibility though, I suppose.

SENATOR WITHEM: Sure.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: The other thing I wonder, is there, I guess it would be the responsibility of this stated committee to come up with a format so that it is something that schools can respond to and that wouldn't be a burdensome process for schools to respond to, is that a correct assumption?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, it would be.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: As I look at the makeup of that committee, I see you have three members there, public and private schools, I wonder if this thing isn't a little heavily weighted toward the researcher's side to really get at maybe what would be the most useful to those policy makers out at the local level, and I realize the delicacy of balancing this so that you don't have a whole roomful of people, but I get...what I really want to ask is, is between now and Select, are you willing to reconsider at least the makeup of that committee?

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, I certainly am. Committees tend to get, the makeup of committees when you draft bills tend to get pulled out of the air, and there, obviously, is a lot of input that could be gathered that would help change that probably.