

new fiscal note, or something like that. I will give you the balance of my time to answer the question asked of Senator Schellpeper, as well as further explain the fiscal note, what the impact is now.

SENATOR NELSON: Certainly. Thank you, Senator Moore. We have a list of, Senator Moore, of the exact enrollment in the various nursing schools. And so say, for example, Clarkson, Bishop-Clarkson in the off campus course, and the fiscal office, they could dig out more nurses than you could ever imagine, to be honest with you, but as I had a real problem in coming up with what is the financial need. The financial need in an institution where it costs \$8,000 for a course, say for example that Pell Grants, student loans and so on may bring that down to \$4,000. The unmet need of that student is \$4,000. Then you take a community college or a private or another institution where it maybe costs \$4,000 to go, we will say they also get 50 percent scholarship, that leaves \$2,000 unmet need. Who gets the money? The one that is able to go to the institution that maybe is more expensive. We didn't want it that way, but you certainly... And, Senator Moore, I know you understand this. When it comes to establishing grants and so on it's very, very difficult. But nearly every institution has their... and this is, incidentally, based on as they use the federal financial incentive program. There are very, very few SSIG loans given because of the fact that the institutions have to subsidize 50 percent of that and they simply are almost nonexistent in the nursing education. So that we didn't run into the problem, and it was a real problem, I will tell you that, in establishing what is need, see. So that is the reason that we put in the bill the cap, it should be enough, but we wanted a cap in there. And the reason that we put in the bill a proportion to the amount of courses they offer, so that we're not cutting one of the higher cost institutions out and giving it all, or vice versa. So if they have 50 students enrolled, for example, Bryan Memorial, they have 13 students, ASN, and approximately 35, they have 47 students altogether in the diploma program. Say, for example, that we are able to give financial assistance to 25 percent,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: Say they had... well, 48. They would be able to give 12 financial assistance, loans out. And so that is the way we did it so that we don't run into the problem of one taking