

budget on an ongoing basis and it is not the intention of this bill to have this money in the budget on an ongoing basis. We also had indicated in the original bill five grants of \$40,000. What this bill says is grants up to \$40,000 so more of them could be funded if the advisory committee that will be making these grants is in a position to do so. With that, that explains the amendment. I'll be happy to respond to any questions.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to the amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Scofield would move to amend Senator Withem's amendment, on page 8, line 1, strike the word "model"

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. First let me say I appreciate the work that Senator Withem has gone to to address the concerns that we raised on this issue and I think he has substantially taken care of the concerns that I heard raised. I do want to offer one amendment on page 8 to the language Senator Withem has proposed in line 1. This is the section which allows the State Board of Education to waive any rule or regulation of each participating school, or any school policy which has been identified as a barrier. And the way the language now says they can waive any rule or reg that applies to a model school restructuring plant. I would like to propose that we strike that word "model" to give further flexibility to this and this came as a result of discussions with in particular a group of educators in the west who suggested that we might, in fact, facilitate a more rapid move toward restructuring throughout all schools if we put that additional flexibility in the language so that should the board choose to entertain a proposal from a school other than a model school about rules and regs being waived, we could do that. That's the essence of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yeah, Mr. President, thanks, Senator Scofield, for this change in the bill. I think it probably could have done otherwise, but it's probably good to spell it out in clear language that can be understood. The intent of the bill is not to have four or five schools in the state improve and all the