

with that situation.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, I just thought if we got it into the record that we're instructing E & R to do that, they can probably take care of that.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, they will.

SENATOR WITHEM: The other thing for the body, I would just like to comment that the bill...the funding mechanism that is currently in the bill was an idea that I had proposed to the Education Committee as a way of resolving what was perceived as a problem with the original draft of the bill. Since I've heard debate on the floor dealing with this funding, have really come to the conclusion that folks like Senator Lamb and others, I never thought I'd say this, Senator Lamb, you were right on that, that the transfer of a full per pupil cost for this type of program is probably not an appropriate way of funding it. Why do I say that? It's not like the nonresident tuition program where we're expecting receiving districts to provide facilities specifically for kids that don't live in their district. What we're doing with this bill is we're basically...we're giving that receiving district, that option district the option of saying we don't have room, we don't have the facilities to deal with these children. We're not telling them they have to build new buildings, hire new teachers, do all of those kind of things. Under those circumstances the cost of providing for a few additional students that are coming into their district, providing they already have room for them, certainly will not approach the per pupil expenditure and this more modest sum of money that will transfer between districts is probably a good idea, and I'd like to indicate that I support that change in this bill and I think it would be an improvement in the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lamb, followed by Senator Moore.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes, Mr. President, members, I would agree that Senator Baack's amendment in regard to the funding is a definite improvement in the bill, doesn't go far enough, but it is in the right direction and I appreciate the fact that he has recognized that and while this is Select File and I don't know if there will be amendments on Final Reading, maybe we can still look forward to more and better amendments at a later time. But some