

slots in a school district though, slots that are already available, we're not asking any schools to expand any programs to deal with these option students. We're only filling empty slots that are available in the school and you will find that your per pupil cost, if you get that whole cost, you are getting a windfall. And I think in most cases you will find that with these costs that we have here involved in this funding structure, it will cover your cost of just filling the empty slots that you have in a school district. So I think it's a much more fair funding mechanism. It also provides the resident district with more money available to deal with their program problems, try and make the adjustments necessary to keep their students in that school. So I think it's a very fair kind of funding mechanism in the bill. It also deals with the possibility that the other funding structure may have been ruled unconstitutional because of the state being involved in property tax collection. It also provides that there is no monetary enhancement here to recruit. People are not going to go out and say, well, if you have a \$7,000 per pupil cost, you might go out and say, well, I'm going to go and recruit as many kids as I can because I'm going to get 7,000 for each one that I bring in and it is only going to cost me maybe \$1,500, maybe \$1,000 to educate each one of those kids, but I'm going to get \$7,000 per pupil, so you're going to definitely probably...this is going to definitely lower the amount of recruiting. A school district is going to have to make a choice. Can we educate those kids for that cost? For the cost that we're going to get, can we educate those kids for that cost? And so I think it's going to have to be a decision made by the board and they're going to have to set policies that define how many option students they are going to accept. So I think it's a very fair amendment and I would urge the body to adopt this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. The question before the body is the adoption of the Baack amendment. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 1 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Baack's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted. Any messages on the President's desk?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, I have a selection of priority bills by the Speaker.