

there are a lot of them that if they were just exposed to the basic skills again in high school, they could then go out. Principal Financial Group in Grand Island, they hire all of their students directly from...I mean their employees, most of them, that is a large company now, directly from high schools, high school training. It encourages the high school students from dropping out and, again, every person working saves social services and welfare...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR NELSON: ...a 100,000 or 200,000 dollars, whatever. So with that, that is simply what the bill does. It provides vocational education. Again, this year we talk of education. We are giving a considerable amount to postsecondary education. These are the ones that need some help and the ones that do not go on to postsecondary education, and they need to try to make a decent living in life, and get what education with that. With that, I would answer any questions about the bill. I might also mention that our Syracuse study, remember, said that Nebraska must give more money for vocational education training along with some other suggestions. So that, again, is very important.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time has expired.

SENATOR NELSON: And any other questions, I will answer them.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, followed by Senator Beyer.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Nelson, if she would respond, I would like to just clarify a couple of things that I have got from reading this bill, and we have talked about it before. How much are you appropriating for this bill, Senator Nelson?

SENATOR NELSON: Just \$5 million only.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Oh, well, I am glad it is a small amount.

SENATOR NELSON: Put a cap on it, you know, so it is not unlimited.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: And distribution is on a per student basis in every high school in the state, is that correct?