

SENATOR WARNER: That is correct. And one of those...well, if either or one pass, there is a reporting requirement that has to be done as to the level of funding that was...as it was approved last year by splitting this program does not change the impact for the current year in any way, shape or form but it would reduce the amount that would be reported in the...on the federal match to avoid a maintenance of effort issue at a higher level in the event the Legislature chooses to change distribution. Obviously, if we make no change, well, then the impact is zero of this section.

SENATOR HALL: Why...but I still don't understand why...and maybe I'm missing your point, but why we have to have a new budget program to facilitate that.

SENATOR WARNER: To separate the maintenance of effort money for matching the Pell Grant which is about five hundred and forty or sixty thousand. Excuse me, it's \$521,000 for the SSIG. We have, I believe, \$1,250,000 in there. Maintenance of effort would be raised up to that full amount. By splitting the two programs we maintain the current...what used to be the 521,000 level as far as the maintenance of effort, should no legislation be enacted, obviously, then it will make no difference.

SENATOR HALL: So there would be no need for this item?

SENATOR WARNER: Not if nothing is enacted. The only reason for doing it as is true with lots of federal programs, as I'm sure everyone recalls, they do have maintenance of efforts kinds of provisions. This one happens to be a three-year average but we always tend to look, with some reluctance, upon a maintenance of effort because it does restrict what future opportunities the Legisla...a Legislature has to make adjustments in programs.

SENATOR HALL: Have we ever had to do this in the past?

SENATOR WARNER: Up until last time, we never...

SENATOR HALL: Had any money there.

SENATOR WARNER: We never appropriated any more than...

SENATOR HALL: Yeah.