

from independent colleges, not just students from state supported schools. You have to have a distribution formula that the Secretary of Education agrees to. Simple enough. And then you have to have maintenance of effort. Maintenance of effort, in this program, has been not a difficult issue to sustain. I mean, there really hasn't been much money in it and there hasn't been any problem with regard to maintenance of effort, to date. It, hopefully, will be a problem down the road. Hopefully, it will be. Hopefully, we'll put a lot of money into this program so that we aid those needy students. We have neglected our responsibility there in the past. To say that we don't want to have a maintenance of effort or we don't want to continue to fund these programs so that needy students have the ability to receive these scholarships, I think is not something we want to do. I think we want to continue to fund this program and, hopefully, allow for the program to grow on a yearly basis, if at all possible. The Appropriations Committee made the right steps when they funded this program the last couple of years and they're going to continue to do that and, hopefully, we'll be able to have the revenue so that we do have a maintenance...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...of effort problem, so that we do continue to fund new dollars into that so additional students can take advantage of this program. But it should not be a separate program from the one that's currently in existence, should not be. It should follow federal guidelines. It should allow for students to go to independent colleges to be able to apply for all the dollars that the state appropriates into this fund. They should not only be segregated out to the one program where the federal match is where there is a maintenance of effort and the other separate fund will only be for students who go to state supported schools because that's the way it will break down. That's exactly how it will break down. Yes, we'll be able to make that determination and, yes, a majority of this body will have a say in that, but that's clearly the way that it will come to pass. And there will be a situation where there is one fund that's set up for students that go to independents or go to...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...state supported...thank you for the notice.