

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise in opposition to Senator Hannibal's amendment to the amendment. Policy decision, fine. Policy decision is I guess, as I stated earlier, 17 years old. And what Senator Hannibal's amendment would do is ask that we make it at least 18 years old. Senator Hannibal, would you yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: I doubt that I'd yield, but I'd certainly respond.

SENATOR HALL: Whatever you would like. Senator Hannibal, after the rules and regulations are adopted, would you support the program? Funding the program?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The simple answer is probably not. However,...

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SENATOR HANNIBAL: ...if it were need based, if it were need based I'd certainly be much more sympathetic to it.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Hannibal. Senator Hannibal would like the program to be, or the proposal to be 18-years old, 19, 20, 21, he would not like to fund it at all. That's the issue here. The issue is not is it a viable program, does it make sense, is it need based? If it's not needed, I don't see one private school even asking for that. And you don't find that out until you allow for some funds to be there, you have nothing to base that on until you allow for some funding to go into the program. On General File, when we adopted the amendment, all the money went to programming. Senator Hannibal raised some legitimate issues, some concerns about what about the rules and regs, what about promulgating those, administering the program. I said, fine. I offered this amendment that we have before us, the principal amendment that corrects that situation, takes care of that. As a matter of fact it comes from Department of Education, Mr. Vontz letter to Senator Warner with regard to the question is asked, what's going to happen, what will this program take to operate? It's the amendment that I have before you, that lays out the operations and the staffing of that...those monies. The question is clearly not one of money. I can't believe one member of the Appropriations