

that the law very specifically, when we changed it from the school district providing the books to the state providing the funds for the books, was limited to the amount of money that the Legislature appropriates for that budget, period. And that should be understood that that is not a deficit. This is not an entitlement program in the sense that whatever applications are made, then we subsequently appropriate money to do it. It is intended to be funded up front and while we have no idea how without...in the absence of rules and regs, no idea how it will be prorated or first come first served or what. The facts are that as the statute stands, that the appropriation will not be back before the body until the 1991 session at which time whatever is requested by the department and adopted and amended by the Legislature will be the amount. But it should be understood this does not, by statute, call for a deficit appropriation to meet the request.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford, please, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR LANGFORD: I'd like to call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Langford moves the previous question. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate now cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question is, shall debate now close? Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate ceases. Senator Hall, to close, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President. The...and I appreciate Senator Warner's support of the amendment as well and I would echo his statements. If I did not clearly spell that out, I thought I did earlier when I stated that the 150,000 that is appropriated was a ceiling, a maximum that could be expended on this program and that it was my understanding as well when I said, budget year in and budget year out, I was referring to biennium budget year in and biennium budget year out so that I, too, understand that it's an issue that must be addressed from the point in time where the budget is adopted every other year. So I concur with that and just state that for legislative intent as well and I urge adoption of the amendment.