

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...I think Senator Baack did an excellent job of explaining what was in 1051. It is a traumatic experience for students to have to leave school during the year, and so what this does is simply allows students, if their twenty-first birthday occurs during the school year, they can continue on to the end of the year. It simply...most states around us have adopted amendments or bills or statutes like this and so this simply clarifies it. So with that, I would...he had something to deal with special ed, I did, so we combined the two into one amendment, and so, with that, I'd ask the body to approve this amendment to the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask a question, if I may, of Senator Baack.

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Certainly.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Baack, do we have that amendment? Do we have the amendment that you're talking about right here?

SENATOR BAACK: It's on Journal page 901.

SENATOR SMITH: All right, I've been out and I just came back in and heard your discussion here, but I would like to ask a question. Do you have any idea of what such an increase would...what kind of a cost would this be?

SENATOR BAACK: That is something that we talked about in committee. It's very, very difficult to know exactly what the cost is because in most cases school districts that have a child that turns 21 during that school year are already offering the program. They already have everything in place, so it really is no additional...there aren't that many additional costs for that student to just go ahead and finish the year because most of them already have the program in place.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. So you don't see any additional costs for that part of the amendment.

SENATOR BAACK: No, it is not going to be any great cost for that, no.