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probably will support the bill because I think it is needed but I have a problem with that part of it. I would give some time to Senator Baack if he wants to address that.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Senator Nelson, we have...we have talked about this numerous times and there are some of those problems out there but if those people are living in a Class I district, under the new amendments that we have here, if they live in a Class I district and that Class I district does not offer certain grade levels, they cannot use the option enrollment program. And if they do use the option enrollment program and they don't offer those grade levels there, the resident district will pay the price, not the state in those cases because we do clear that up in this bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, your light is on, did you care to speak to it next? Thank you. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President and members, I guess I have a reservation about that same issue and is the fiscal note on this somewhat accurate now, over a million? Is that right, Senator Baack, if you would answer that question?

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Senator Wehrbein, it all depends on LB 1059. It depends on that more than anything. The fiscal note is a little bit difficult to define on this because we don't know yet how many students are going to actually make the transfer, because, you know, we know how many have applied but we don't know how many are going to be accepted by both districts and we also don't know what level of state aid that each of these districts gets right now. But, under the assumption that...I think the department made the assumption that approximately 200 to 250 of these students would be allowed to transfer and then they just took it times the statewide average per pupil cost and they came up with around a million dollars. That's what it would cost. But, right now, if you notice that the A bill that's following this isn't for...doesn't have that million dollars in it because we're assuming that this will just become part of the distribution formula of LB 1059 if LB 1059 passes. If LB 1059 does not pass, then I will have to change my A bill and reflect that million dollars in the A bill.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's what I...I, frankly, hadn't supported