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LB 843A, 843, 1059

enrollment program can function in this state and I think it gave them a much better understanding of it and it also gave them an opportunity to have their input into changes that were necessary. And I think, through 843, we answer most of those problems that they had with choice and I think it's going to work very well as we implement it. So, with that, I would urge your advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the advancement of LB 843 to E & R Initial. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Shall LB 843 be advanced? Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of 843, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 843 is advanced. The A bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 843A, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Baack. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the A bill, as it presently is written, is purely funds for the Department of Education as they implement the open enrollment program. They did, during last summer, they put in an 800 number for people to call in to ask questions about choice, served a very useful purpose. It took a lot of the pressure off of my staff from having to answer a whole lot of questions. And they have done an excellent job in implementing the open enrollment bill. And this just calls for some salaries and some continuation of the funding to implement this legislation. And, as I stated earlier, if LB 1059 does not pass, then at that point I will have to make the adjustments in 843A to reflect the actual cost of the transfers that are taking place. Hopefully, by that time we'll have a better idea of how many transfers are going to actually take place and I will be...if 1059 does not pass, I will be offering the amendment to add the dollars in to implement the open enrollment bill. With that, I would just urge its advancement. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the A bill? Seeing none, those in favor of its advancement please vote aye, opposed nay. Shall LB 843A be advanced? Record, please.