

essentially a sort of a mathematical calculation, but they do establish rules and regulations, in addition, which whether or not those rules and regulations that they might establish would accompany, would include these provisions in some fashion, I do not know, but I would assume they might consider doing that. And if they did and if that, in effect, turns out to be in conflict with any institution who has athletes who are not eligible because of the Pell Grants because of the argument we're all familiar with, whether or not that would jeopardize the entire ability for this form of student aid at that institution, I simply do not know, I'm not saying that it does, I'm suggesting that Senator Chambers may want to address that issue. But I think at least we should be aware of whether or not that is a possibility and then I assume if there isn't a problem there why then maybe the problem lies with whatever contractual relationships that the university, if they're the only ones affected, has with the athletic conferences that they may be involved with. But I think you do need to give some thought to that possibility if there are any adverse effects. I'm not arguing the merit of nondiscriminatory scholarship availability, only inquiring as to the...if there are any legal problems that might be created that I am not aware of and I think we ought to know if that potential is there.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment to the committee amendments. The bill that he referenced from last year, LB 651, was a bill that I introduced and was a bill that had much discussion at every stage of debate before it was passed last year and it dealt specifically with the mathematical formula that Senator Warner mentioned with regard to how those funds in the SSIG grants would be distributed to students. All Senator Chambers does, I think, with his amendment is at least allow that those folks who make those decisions, the rules and regulations that Senator Warner spoke of, understand what the feeling of this legislative body is toward discrimination of any kind in those grants that those students would be eligible for. I think that the proposal, as he offers it, is one that is only a year late and it is one that we should quickly amend to these committee amendments and then adopt into 1031. I would urge your support.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, I have no other