

AM3165 in front of me. (See pages 1795-96 of the Legislative Journal.)

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** The Chair recognizes Senator Baack.

**SENATOR BAACK:** Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this simply is an amendment to the A bill and this...I will reiterate my conversation with Senator Schellpeper on this because what it says is that the funds for choice or option enrollment will come out of the funds for LB 1059. It will be part of the distribution of the funds for LB 1059 and should LB 1059 not pass or not be overridden or for some reason not be in place, then there would be a half a million dollars that would be appropriated from the General Fund to fund the choice and right now there are 150 students who have been approved for option enrollment and this would fully fund those. If it would go for more students, if there would be more students that would come in and use this, then the monies would simply be prorated. It would not add additional dollars. The monies would simply be prorated and each school would receive just a little bit less for each student that would transfer. With that, I'd be glad to answer any questions if there are any.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Moore, for purposes of discussion, please.

**SENATOR MOORE:** Well, yes, I have just a couple of questions of Senator Baack and on the funding side. You answered in your opening that basically this is a lid for the first two years that the maximum amount of dollars could be appropriated, correct, Senator Baack? That's why you say it's the most it could be?

**SENATOR BAACK:** Yes, that is correct.

**SENATOR MOORE:** Okay. Has there been any projection as to a cost in '92-93? I mean, are you thinking it would go up more next biennium, '92-93 fiscal year? Is there a projection on what your cost would be for that?

**SENATOR BAACK:** There is a possibility it may go up some, but if the experience here is not that much different than Minnesota, you won't see a big increase, but I would think that the majority of the students that are going to participate in this program are probably going to do it in the first couple of