

simply questions perhaps for Senator Moore. Where are the 52 percent, 38 percent, what is magical about those particular figures? What is the rationale for those given percentages? Probably not a big issue, but I just was interested.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, I guess the only rationale the 52 percent, using existing funds and just distributing them, so there's really not...the magic I guess is in the 10 percent to get the proper amount of money to districts that need it so I would argue the other two, to my knowledge, those, there is no magic to it whatsoever. The 10 percent is the only one that is not magical and that's a level to get the aid to the...you need at least that amount distributed under the equalization formula to really have the proper impact that the bill is intended to do.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: One more question then, does this, the way this would work out, does it work out fairly well over a long period of time and not have the levy limits, run into levy limits and that type of thing that we have had now in the immediate past?

SENATOR MOORE: Well, obviously, Senator Wehrbein, as you're well aware of, one of the major problems when it comes to the technical colleges is the problem we have primarily in the two western areas where they have an extremely high levy and 143 that we passed last year was a step in recognizing the problem but I guess I thought it had a number of flaws because it was only new money for one; two, it was based on levy and not on valuation, and so I think it will help address that problem in the future. And obviously if we need to address it further, the mechanism would be there to simply increase the equalization percentage. Instead of 10 percent, really, years down the road if there is still a problem we could increase the percentage from 10 to 20 percent and funnel more areas to the districts that have a problem there. So I mean, it would give you the mechanism to better address it in the future.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: So you're saying that those percentages are flexible to a degree and may not be as magical as they need to be, they would be adjustable and evidently everyone has bought off on this particular formula.

SENATOR MOORE: Is that a question?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.