

SENATOR WESELY: The amount of money we're talking about, \$270,000 or \$400,000, is not I think, in the total amount of budget in this area, is not a very significant amount of money though, obviously, you know, it is a lot of money. But the idea is that we authorize this, what would have to happen, Senator Moore, is all we're doing is allowing the Department of Institutions, in conjunction with the Department of Education, to examine this, to identify what we consider to be a big gap and then to move forward if...if that makes sense, and I think it does. But we're not...we're not saying they must do this. We're authorizing it and I think what they'll find is that it's very valuable to proceed in that area. I don't know if that eases your concerns but I...I don't...

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Senator Wesely, you understand that the Department of Education came in and asked the committee to fully fund up to the federal match that other \$270,000.

SENATOR WESELY: Uh-huh.

SENATOR MOORE: And for a variety of reasons the committee recommendation did not include that for funding reasons, right or wrong, for funding reasons. And now...and one of the concerns was that it's a maintenance of effort issue because once you hit that level you can never go back down. And this would, by using some other fund sources, maximize use of federal funds with something other than General Funds and my concern is that in the future years we may have to call up General Funds to maintain that level of funding to continue to secure our federal grants.

SENATOR WESELY: See, now I would agree with that argument and it was a good one in terms of the committee's decision with additional funding. We're not asking for that. We're saying there is General Fund money, federal money, Cash Fund money to the tune of close to a \$100 million, and if we can't find 270,000 or 400,000 that we should on an ongoing basis...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WESELY: ...put into this, you know, I think we're making a mistake. I know that we can do it. I know we should do it. So your concern is a good one. Maintenance of effort should be a concern but I don't see the problem here. We're not