

with this amendment that we allow the Department of Public Institutions and Department of Education to jointly move forward to accomplish that goal of mutually utilizing the voc rehab match available through the federal program and not waste that opportunity and also take care of a problem that has been expressed in the past about mental retardation programs not adequately providing for vocational rehabilitation. There's been a lot of fights and concern about that. This would upgrade the effort in that area, take care of that problem and not lose the money that the federal government is offering to us in that four to one match. I think it's a reasonable amendment and I would ask your support for it.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Moore.

**SENATOR MOORE:** Mr. Speaker, members, just simply to reiterate my concern of yesterday. It's one of these things that when you sit...when you deal with budgets on a regular basis there is a lot of opportunities arise that will allow you to match federal funds and all those isolated by...any one of those isolated by itself, you stand and say, well, for, you know, for a quarter I can get a dollar, let's do it. The only concern is that those sort of situations compound themselves and before you got it, you've got a quarter here, a quarter there and before you know it it's 10, \$20, and on a much larger scale that's what happens. Now, Senator Wesely's amendment certainly is an attempt to better leverage from federal funds and I guess I don't really have a problem with that. The only concern that I still have is that in this particular case if you increase the amount of state commitment, you increase the maintenance of effort and so, therefore, next year if you increase it by, I believe it's 217 or 219, I forget the dollar amount, but you increase your state, the nonfederal match by a quarter of a million dollars, next year it stays...so if it's 2.1 this year, right now, Senator Wesely raises it to 2.3 something, you have to maintain it at 2.3 something next year, and that's my only concern is that the proper way to go through that is to go through the system and say how much can we afford to match and how are we going to do it. And, you know, it certainly does, Senator Wesely's amendment would certainly allow with use of existing funds this year to maximize the federal funds. My only concern is, is that how do we continue that level of effort on in future years. I know, Senator Wesely I believe had mentioned that he lifted this language directly out of some language regarding mental health in this same match. The only difference is, is