

that is a mental health leveraging mechanism that we have agreed to appropriate at that level and this simply raises that up some more and does impact the maintenance of effort. And so it certainly would allow some more money from the state and if it was just for two years and we could look at it after two years, I would support it. My only concern is, is we will raise that maintenance of effort permanently and, therefore, at this time at least I would like to...I would oppose the amendment, but I certainly agree with Senator Wesely. I know he has worked quite some time to try and get all the entities together regarding mental retardation regions, DPI and Department of Education to maximize these funds and I applaud him for doing that. The only concern I have is the fact that it truly is the point of no return at some degree and so, for that reason, I would oppose it at this time.

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

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Speaker Baack. Senator Moore, would you yield to some questions?

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: All right. Now you're arguing that you see no problem with utilizing a match of four to one, that's not the issue. The issue is if we start to match that money that we have to continue at that level of funding. Right? Is that the concern?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. And currently that level is 2.1 million, right? Something like that.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, I'm looking at the extension of my brains over here and they say, that indeed is...

SENATOR WESELY: All right, and so this amendment would take us up to the cap which is another 284,000 this next year and following your 402,000, right. so now we're talking 2.4 million and 2.6 million or something, right?

SENATOR MOORE: Mmm, hmmm.