

to that formula. We're going to give you an additional two years in which to...whether they're efficient or effective the school districts are going to have an additional two years under that program that we put in place to figure out whether or not they want to or whether or not they can afford to or whether or not they even should change their system. Who knows what's happened out in those districts to date? Has there been any reporting with regard to the changes that have been made or the proposed changes that were put in effect? With the Lamb amendment, anything that's proposed that's even been offered, that might be in the works right now, is going to be put on hold. There is no incentive to continue the process that they started with the passage of 1059. There's no incentive to continue to look for ways to solve their own problem, to create their own funding and to provide for increases and benefits to their own school district. With the Lamb amendment, what you do is you continue to allow for them to delay and delay and delay, and you build it in for two years, minimum. And then what happens is Senator Lamb leaves the Legislature and his replacement comes in and the first bill they introduce is another extension of this proposal, because Senator Lamb will tell them you don't even have to introduce it, wait till about the 53rd day of the session and it will go on in a New York second, 39 votes to suspend the rules and you won't have any problem extending that hold harmless provision in 1059, the most major change in funding of education that the body has passed in the last 50 years. And we're going to extend that for two more years on an original three-year program. Ladies and gentlemen, that's ridiculous. And if I thought that there was a way to just vote it down, Senator Lamb, I wouldn't be offering amendments. I was more interested in the bill behind it and amendments to that. But to now, at this point in time, say that we're going to allow for an additional two years, this is a major shift in what was put into 1059. It is not a simple little amendment to just vote up or down. It needs to be debated. It needs to be discussed. And the 80 percent level that we would then guarantee is still better than a number of school districts that are out there. It's still much better and it guarantees them 80 percent for two years beyond what the original proposal allowed. It's much better than what's currently in place.

SENATOR WARNER: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: And it does address the issue. If we're going to