

fund those school districts who haven't put off dealing with it, but what we're going to guarantee to them is that for an additional two years you don't have to deal with it, actually an additional three years. All I do is cut that back to two so that it's only a two-year issue as opposed to three that are left under the balance of the original 1059 and the Lamb amendment. It cuts the Lamb amendment down from a two-year extension to a one-year extension. I would urge adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hall, there are no further lights.

SENATOR HALL: I'll close then, Mr. Speaker, if I could, please. Mr. Speaker, members, the issue before us, again, is the extension, the extension that Senator Lamb puts in place for purposes of the hold harmless provision under 1059 for school districts that then are guaranteed the funding necessary to operate their districts without any repercussion, without any repercussion of the impact of 1059 in terms of budgetary matters. Is that something that we should be doing today, I guess. This is a part of the bill that I think is the most...irritating is a bad word to use, bad is another unfortunate word to use, there are a number of things that...adjectives that could address this amendment but probably just the fact that Senator Lamb is carrying it is not a good enough reason to oppose it. But it has been sufficient in the past. But, in this case, it's one where seriously that the state aid that we are guaranteeing cannot be touched. Senator Lamb says come back in and change it at a time in the future. We need an opportunity to look at the whole state aid method. Under the Lamb proposal, what you're allowing is three full years, three full years in which to examine that, three full years after a total examination under 1059. What you would do in a state aid formula is examine the effect of 1059 which would be a much more focused approach than the approach that went into the development of 1059 and that was done over a couple of years. There were some forerunners to that that spent considerable time on that prior to that but, in effect, the 1059 system was a two-year program. What Senator Lamb is saying that we are going to do is hold these school districts harmless for an additional two years over and above the three-year proposal in the original 1059 so that we can study the state aid method. He says it won't happen that soon. If you adopt this amendment that cuts that in half and only allows one additional year, there isn't enough time for that state aid method to be...system