

SENATOR ASHFORD: I look at this...thank you, Senator Hillman, that's a good question and it can answer Senator Warner's concern. The 50,000 will be a significant advantage for a couple of reasons. One, it allows someone at the State Patrol to sort through these various programs that are available, Senator Hillman, one of them is the NRA program, and to determine what is...what program the state should initiate. And that's why the 50,000...this 50,000 does cover that. The actual cost of the programs themselves is not very great. The...but...I'm...we're going to do a study also this summer, Senator Hillman, to see who will take advantage of these dollars. It is most likely that the schools will be the ones that will take advantage of it, at least the support that we're getting is from the schools, primarily, and that it would be less likely to be nonprofit organizations, such as gun clubs, for example, that normally get their information from the National Rifle Association. So I see the schools as being the primary beneficiary of this program and the 50,000 doing...going a long ways towards having a program that works. So that would be my answer to that question.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, do you see this program as any kind of a duplication of what's already out there then if the schools would be doing it? Would they be duplicating what's already offered?

SENATOR ASHFORD: I think what they would do is they would take...well, what I...I've looked carefully at the NRA material and a lot of it is good and I know it's being updated, so I think what will happen is that the State Patrol would utilize the NRA material and put some additional work into that and develop a plan that would utilize the NRA material and other information that gets to the issue of children and guns directly. And then also the important thing is that the State Patrol can work with the Department of Education, as is done in other states, in creating a system of getting the materials out to the schools. That is not going to cost more than \$50,000 to do. That can be done within that amount of money because the State Patrol can work together with education, use the avenues of distribution that are already there to get that information out.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. Do you...I'm assuming then there isn't a target age in here but I'm assuming we're targeting K through