

12. Do you have an age group?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Yes, especially, especially younger children, starting with five and six-year-olds, the programs in Connecticut and Illinois and other states are targeting the youngest children they can find in the schools to get...make them aware of these things.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay. That's not in the amendment. And also do you see much additional staffing as far as the State Patrol goes? I know that their staffing is very lean and they don't have...

SENATOR ASHFORD: Right.

SENATOR HILLMAN: ...we deal with that all the time, as you are aware of, that it would take any additional staffing on the part of the State Patrol.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, thank you, Senator Hillman. There would be actually one-half of a person allocated to the State Patrol and they have agreed to that. They feel that they can manage the program for that and I think there's \$18,000 allocated for one-half of a staff person in the State Patrol to make this program work.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Okay, then the other criteria, there's the ratio of the applicants matching funds. So if we're targeting schools, if we're looking at schools, are they going to have to come up with funds then for some type of matching funds to be able to apply for this from their budgets?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Not necessarily and there...we have that language in there so that if they...if the State Patrol elected to do a matching fund program, they could do it. But, as I say, the...the intent is for the State Patrol working with the Department of Education...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR ASHFORD: ...and gun groups to put together a packet of information that can be distributed through the department to the schools so there would, in all likelihood, not be at the start matching programs.