

involved in the drafting of it. I'm just reacting to it...

SENATOR WARNER: Okay.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...intuitively.

SENATOR WARNER: Then let me ask this question. Because we are reallocating in an existing year of rapid growth rather than the student enrollment two years before and that, as you stated, does redistribute the pool of funds that is to be distributed under 1059 differently, there are many school districts that would have less revenue than what they would get if the amendment we adopted this morning wasn't there. They...

SENATOR WITHEM: That's...

SENATOR WARNER: ...they would get more.

SENATOR WITHEM: That's correct.

SENATOR WARNER: And the only thing that was done this morning was recognizing that in a school district that had accelerated growth, which under the 1059 they would have to wait two years before they would get that money, which then would be taken away, if that's how we want to look at it, for distribution, but it was recognized that on a need basis the need was then, the current year, and that's when it ought to take effect. You know, what we're doing conceptually here this year I could support that this morning because it was need based. Now we're...now we're going to go the route where we're, for all practical purposes, we're going to freeze the distribution formula for state aid in the future and nobody ever receives less than what they did in a given year and that means the concept that's contained in 1059 is just, for all practical purposes, is gone, is frozen. And the only way that any time that you adjust for changes in enrollments or tiers or costs, whatever the valuations, would be when in those instances when we have more money. I guess my question is, are we not really abolishing the whole concept, beginning to? I won't argue that it is not also true of the other amendment, the initial hold harmless for those schools that lost money to start with, but we're moving to a major change in a distribution formula that no school in the future will get less than they did the year before irregardless of how the factor works, because that's what this does.