

SENATOR WITHEM: If that's a question to me to react to that statement, I certainly don't read it as doing that. First of all, the only school districts to whom this applies are those that meet the 1 percent growth. Correct, Senator Lindsay? Secondly, it is not frozen as they'll receive no less state aid than they did in a previous year. It would be, as I would see it, and there may be some questions about the manner in which this could actually be administered within the Department of Education and I, frankly, don't know about how well it could be administered, but I believe what they do is they take the calculation, what they would have gotten had this amendment not occurred, compare it to what they get when this amendment occurs, and then they get that sum of money and then I assume they do another calculation and distribute the rest of the money based on...to the other school districts based on that money. So it only applies to those school districts that have the triggering amount of growth, but the formula works to the extent where they actually get less money because of the change that was made this morning.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: So then the reduction for this year would apply to all the school districts other than those that had the rapid growth, that that's how it would be.

SENATOR WITHEM: That is my reading of the amendment at the current time, yes.

SENATOR WARNER: And the reduction to the school districts that had rapid growth was not...they still got credit for it, but they didn't net a gain.

SENATOR WITHEM: Right, that's correct.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, I still am of the opinion that once we start doing this more and more we're going to lead to the point where you did not have a distribution formula. We will come in every year and attempt to put on these kind of amendments and I have a lot of concern about doing that and the school districts involved have nothing to do with my position. Doesn't make any difference because, if it did, I wouldn't have voted for 1059 in the first place, and I did, including the override. But I am concerned if we start manipulating the formula in a way other