

to keep up the funding for their program and I'm curious about how that is being addressed?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Senator Vrtiska, those very concerns are addressed in the following amendment, AM1313,...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Oh, okay.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...and also transportation and what we require in terms of transportation by those districts. If I can take one more minute of your time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Sure.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Clearly, as I said, we heard from those interested parties, whether it was parents or financial directors for school districts or superintendents or board members, that we have to look at what we require. We have to look at the rigid regulations that we've established in the state and the following amendment, which is called the road map or the reform amendment, talks about the process to relieve some of those mandates and regulations.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well I appreciate that because I think that's an important part of this process if we're going to somehow continue to mandate, you know. Basically there is federal...in court decision that requires some of these things to be done, and I was curious how some of those are going to be handled. Otherwise some of the schools are going to be absorbing a lot more costs and have no way to pay for them. And so I'll be interested in listening to what your amendments will do. With that, thank you very much.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Pedersen, our last light on the Bohlke amendment.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Senator Landis and members of the Legislature, a couple questions for Senator McKenzie, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator McKenzie, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Yes.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Senator McKenzie...