

with the School Finance Review Committee and they had the very same question. We have asked the State Department of Education, the State School Board, the state School Finance Review Committee, and the Special Education Accountability Committee, and the Education Committee of the Legislature to work together and yet within this amendment we have not outlined exactly how that will happen. I would offer to you that as an interim study for the Education Committee I believe we will take the charge to draft a plan as to how we can bring those different agencies and different commissions together to share their recommendations, to share their ideas...

SPEAKER WITHEM PRESIDING

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: ...and to be able then to bring some organization and some flow to the process leading up until November. I don't believe it needs to be in the amendment, but I do believe that that will be the most critical piece of what we actually do.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: If I interpret this right, that collaboration is going to be critical to the success of our moving into new areas prior to November, and so that's why I raise it because I think that's extremely important as we move in the direction that 742 is leading us.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, I would like to also ask Senator McKenzie a few questions to...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator McKenzie, would you like to respond to a few questions?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Love to, love to.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to improve my understanding of AM1313 and how it fits in with the entire bill. And I might say, by way of preface, that I support these amendments and I support what we're doing here. I think it's becoming abundantly clear to everybody that a crisis is approaching and we need to know where we are and what we can and can't do as this crisis deepens. Currently the reimbursement rate from the state to the local is