

if the special education bill advances to Final Reading and then advances...becomes law, one of the things that the Education Committee is doing is relying very heavily on the State Board of Education to do a thorough review of Rule 51, which is a huge rule and reg book, and also a thorough review of the mandates that we have at the state level and what effect it would be working with the other groups. I feel that it's changed a little bit, that they probably do need some dollars to help them do that. So between now and Select I would like to discuss on...I would like to simply put in the \$100,000 in the first year, nothing in the second year, to allow them to do that in some of the areas. Now maybe there's a smaller amount that would be helpful. But would you be willing to...to at least think about or positively start looking at that and working with that with me on that between now and Select?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I would certainly think about it. I was wondering why it could not be properly an A bill. I mean, you said it's part of another bill.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: We could do that, I mean, we could advance it, but, I mean, this is here now. It was a request, I mean, so it would be an easy thing to put in on Select File which would be after we've already discussed the special ed and it would be sitting on Final Reading at that point anyway.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I see.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I mean, so...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I generally think it would be cleaner to come with an A bill. We know what it's in there for and why. You've heard the discussion here on the studies and the consultations and everything else, it seemed to me at this stage of our life it would be more appropriate to be...to be more focused on what the specific use was.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: If it was in the A bill, would you support it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, depending on the amount and depending on the case that was built for having it, as I understand it.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Let's assume it was a good case and the amount was 100,000.