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at that level and I agree, and they most certainly will at the local level calculate what this number is. As we were developing the amendment the schools now can look to the Department of Education to provide...

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SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...this check, this level of accountability for everybody. What we attempted to do was find a similar centrally located entity that would be able to, when necessary, be able to calculate what this number would be. But the intent is not, I want to make clear, the intent is not to provide additional work for the auditor of public accounts, it's not to provide him or that office with the ability of being able to come back to the Legislature for additional funding for something. As you've indicated, it should be a fairly simple computation to derive, I think, when the audits are provided. It provides the necessary check on the system to make sure that there is not an abuse out there. I don't think anybody...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...would abuse it, but I think we need somebody to look at it and I'm willing to work with you on seeing if there is a better spot for it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad and Senator Hall. Senator Maurstad, your light is next.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: I'll waive off.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Lynch, on the Maurstad amendment.

SENATOR LYNCH: Could I ask Senator Maurstad a question?

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Maurstad, will you respond?

SENATOR LYNCH: Senator Maurstad, I'm also curious about the language that dealt with the auditor in particular because I believe that all of the counties and cities are audited and I think it's a law that they have to be. We also know that when they certify their levy to whoever, in this case the state auditor, that's after an audit has been accomplished. I don't