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say for the judges. Do the judges have an automatic cost-of-living adjustment now?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Will they under this plan?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do the school employees have an automatic cost-of-living adjustment now?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Not automatic in the sense that I think you're asking the question. They have a...

SENATOR PIRSCH: The Legislature usually says we shall increase that.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, for the school employees at the present time there is a fund, and it's currently growing assets so that a COLA can be declared. Our best estimate now is that COLA would be declared on September 1 of this year. It is what is characterized as an ad hoc COLA. It is only declared as assets or sufficient. And it's funded by employee and employer contributions.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Right. Okay. I guess my real concern is not with COLAs, cost-of-living adjustments, but automatic COLAs that go on and on, even beyond what we can project right now. So in the Patrol, they do not have an automatic COLA right now, do they?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And under this plan they will?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. Thank you, Senator Wickersham, that does help me.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I also have some of the concerns that Senator