

up-front expenditure for computer, for the program, and for a \$14,000 amount on an ongoing basis. That would be the only ongoing expenditure for the training for teachers. And I understand, and I think Senator Bohlke needs to address this now, that there is not this kind of equipment presently in the state, and I need to clarify that and correct that for the record, and then if she has any time left, she can give it to me.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The call is raised. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, thank you, Senator Schimek. We have been speaking with Bob Kellogg, over at the Department of Education, and he has indicated what we thought was correct. This equipment does not exist currently. We do not have at the School for the Visually Impaired. We do not have it at the Department of Ed. Not only that, it would be housed at the School for the Visually Impaired, so it would provide that very partnership that Senator Avery was talking about. I'm sure he will be voting green on the bill. But...but it would be for a high-speed printer and scanner and it is equipment that currently we do not have, would certainly be able...would provide the students with the type of braille that they need in order to have a real learning opportunity. And as I said, as we look like when we think what we do with auditory trainers, with teachers who provide sign language, and especially with auditory trainers having that equipment that best provides them the opportunity for learning, certainly what we do to educate our children who are visually impaired is...provides...allows them to go back into the workforce and be productive citizens. So I think all those things that we've talked about certainly show for a very small amount of money we can partnership with the School for the Visually Impaired and offer the students great opportunity. Senator Schimek, you may have the remaining time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and thank you for that explanation. I'm sorry that my information wasn't more correct, Senator Avery, but as Senator Bohlke said, this should make you happier about the appropriation. I would like to stress this is not a