

75 percent they could go to 3 percent and 1 percent. The third thing it does is it indicates the cost of special education would be outside of the lid. And the reason for that is because those are mandates from the federal government and a lot of times a new child is identified, or a new child moves into the district, that would cause a huge increase and it wouldn't be fair to school districts to have them have to absorb those costs within the...their budgetary authority. And finally, a proposal that Senator Vrtiska... And, by the way, this was a proposal that had been proposed by the special education, by Senator McKenzie. And finally an ability by...an amendment by Senator Vrtiska which would allow unused budgetary authority to carry on over, and I hope he would explain that. Final point I guess I would make on this amendment, not in this amendment is another amendment by Senator McKenzie, which I think there's fairly common support for the concept, and that would be that the lottery money that would come from school districts getting grants from the Excellence in Education Fund. Senator Warner has indicated, and I agree with him after looking at the bill, that those monies would not be covered anyway because they are listed on the revenue side. And he may wish to comment on that when he speaks. So those are the four things that this amendment would do, and hopefully by clarifying the intent of the lottery funds we deal with those particular five issues and we 't have to deal with them individually. With that, I would give Senator Warner the remainder of my time, if he'd care to use it. If not, we could give time to Senator Vrtiska to explain in a little more detail the unused budgetary authority carry-over proposal. With that, Senator Vrtiska, I'd yield my time to you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Vrtiska, there are four minutes remaining.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Withem. I just...this is a very simple amendment, as Senator Withem has indicated. The simple intent is to clarify Section 4 of the committee amendments dealing with the unused budget authority. The amendment adds the following sentence, "Any unused budget authority existing on the effective date of this act by reason of any prior law may be used for increase in budget requirements." The language currently in the committee amendment authorizes the local subdivisions to carry their unused budget authority over to future years. I think most of