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skyrocketed. Right now, New York is up to maximum strength. Other states who witnessed it: Oklahoma, Kansas, North Dakota. It goes up. We're talking about a million dollars. Well, that would be...that...that fiscal note is what it would be if everyone took advantage of their...everyone who is eligible took advantage of the extra two years that they can get with this bill. So, hopefully, I would...I'm looking forward to seeing another over the top of that, extra money on top of that. Otherwise, we're going to be status quo where we're at with our recruitment. Right now, we are at, I believe the...we are a thousand short, a thousand members short on our...on our recruitment or the strength that we can have. So I, yes, I...I think that we're going to have some more A bills on it. The authorized strength right now is for 5,300 and we're down to about 4,200 or into the 3,800, something like this, so we're under. We're a thousand, over a thousand off on our recruitment. Hopefully, we'll bring us up to strength 'cause if we don't get up to strength then our federal dollars come back, get cut also. So we're losing on both ends. If we...we believe in education in this state, like I'm sure most of us do, what better way could we spend our money than through that and still have...still have the money coming back into the state? It just goes round and round. The money you put into the universities and so on and so forth, provide jobs, and we're up against the grocery stores and the fast food operations offering recruitment incentives or tuition incentives. So whatever we can do to get the recruitment up I think is the best thing for this state. It's going to cost some dollars, yes, it is, but what better way can you...can we spend our dollars if it isn't for the education of our younger people? With that, I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Schimek.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek, you have about two and a half minutes.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator Janssen. I would just like to call everybody's attention to the back side of the fiscal note, which clearly explains what we're talking about here. Right now, it's estimated that in '99 it's going to cost about \$450,000 for the program. What this bill is talking about is making it 100 percent tuition, so you'd automatically double it right there to