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SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Stuhr, would you respond, please?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Stuhr, because...thank you. Senator Stuhr, because you know I'm a little behind the curve on this, and I did sign on the bill, I do have a few questions because I don't think we had a chance to discuss some of these issues. And I have been listening intently as I can this morning. But first of all, I guess, I'd like to know how many schools in Nebraska are already offering some type of vocational program or any variety of vocational programs for students, or do you know?

SENATOR STUHR: About 283 schools are providing some programs, less than 10 percent do not provide approved programs. And there are certain qualities that they have to meet to be an approved program.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But most of those that you're talking about are the large schools that have the capacity in order to provide the educational oppor...the educational...or the training...the people, I guess, the teachers I should say, to provide that kind of...that kind of vocational training. Is that correct?

SENATOR STUHR: Actually, no, these are across the state. But the problem is the smaller schools are not able to offer as many programs...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, okay.

SENATOR STUHR: ...and, of course, don't have the updated equipment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, that's where the problem arises that I see. And I'm trying to get to the bottom of it. The \$1,600 that you're talking a little bit, will that be added to those programs that are already being provided to those schools who have programs?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, it's like a grant. They...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.