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SENATOR STUHR: So it is a local...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay.

SENATOR STUHR: It would be like if they received the grant anyway.

SENATOR VRTISKA: One thing that I want to be cautious about, and that is, is this a program that is going to require the best grant writers to get the most money, or is this going to be a program that even the simplest small school, who doesn't have professional grant writers...one of the things we run into, and I'm sure you're aware of this, in the grant area is many, and I'm not talking about schools necessarily, but certainly schools are included, have what I consider professional grant writers who are able to put down all of the...

SENATOR COORDSEN: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...cross the T's and dot the I's in order to be able to qualify for these grants, while others maybe have a real good program, but they don't have their grant written as well, and so they're left out. And I just wondered how that, you know, how you intend to address that? And maybe you do, I just don't...haven't seen it.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, if you would look on page 3 of the amendments on Section 5, to receive the allotted funds, each local system shall complete an application identifying those approved career programs that will be supported. And this application will be developed by the State Department of Education and shall include necessary student and program information. And then the amendment, and I did want to emphasize that, on Section 7, then the Department of Education will do some follow-up. We will receive a report from the...to the Legislature. They'll do some follow-up on students beyond graduation,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay,...