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engage in this program, they contract with the...with Health and Human Services, and then submit their...their records and so forth for reimbursement purposes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, and I think you already mentioned that any cost...additional costs that were incurred by Health and Human Services would be compensated out of the...out of the fund.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Yeah, currently, I notice that there's a fiscal note that calls for some expenditure in connection with this, but that fiscal note has to do with the administration of the program by Health and Human Services and that, in turn, is going to be compensated back out of the fund, the 3 percent that they're going to get for administering. So I really don't see any fiscal impact to the state as a result of this.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Thanks for that explanation. One other question, and maybe you've addressed this and if I missed it I apologize. The impact of this funding on state aid, if a school system received additional funds through this program, how would it affect accountable receipts for the state aid formula?

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: It's my understanding that these are not...not determined in that, in that state aid formula. These are what you might call off-line type recovery expenses.

SENATOR RAIKES: So I think you mentioned that schools are already paying a lot of this money so, in addition, this would be an extra, possibly up to \$10 million available to schools and it would be an additional 10 million because the 10 million would not come off of the state aid they now receive.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: That is correct. And the...I might mention this money that's being used will give the schools the opportunity then not only to reimburse themselves for what they are actually doing but it will give them the opportunity to work with this program and to do those things that have not been done up to now because there was not funds to do it. But it's...it gives them an opportunity to really be of assistance to these children that are in need of such assistance.