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can do it in eleven years rather than ten years. And I don't know what section of the bill that is in, but that's in the bill, Senator.

SENATOR STUHR: All right. And then also another area that we refer to, of course, would be the benefits and retirement age. And I understand...would that be 65?

SENATOR HARTNETT: If they're still not an active fire...still working in the program.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, that would be 65. I did also...I had a breakfast, out in my district this morning, and one of the questions that was asked in relationship to the bill was the funding. I know you have addressed that. In the bill I believe it states a city, a village, or a fire district may contribute, but I mean it will be up then...up to the local fire district to make sure that the funds are there.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes.

SENATOR STUHR: And they will do all of the recordkeeping?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, they will keep track of who is...we're going to.... A state board will set up.... Your fire districts are probably different size than mine. So there would be a class for mine, there would be a class for yours. And does this individual, you know, qualify for that; and they'll do the local recordkeeping. There's one person on the fire department that will do the recordkeeping,...

SENATOR STUHR: Okay.

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...and then submit it to the fire.... Half of it will be submitted so that it will be part of the appropriations process in the year 2001.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. So those funds will be kept locally then...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.