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a person in that office so that there was cooperation from that office. So I think that...I haven't visited directly, but I think there has been somebody that's promoting this legislation, has visited with the Fire Marshall's Office about it.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Another question in relationship to forfeitures, what will happen to these monies? I...I believe it's just a little bit unclear in the bill, if you could explain that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, yeah. Under the provisions of this bill, active volunteers who do not remain active for the full ten years forfeit any right to the funds placed in the annual account on their behalf. This legislation contemplates that these forfeited funds remain in the annual account and are distributed to those volunteers who ultimately do qualify to receive service award benefits. In other words, if there was ten people started out and five at the end, then they would get that...if they only worked for so many years then they would get...those funds would be transferred to the...from the...the ten to the five, so they would get an extra...whatever that would amount to. We were talking about \$200 a year, it's really not a lot of, you know, money. There's a cap on the federal law that you can't go over 3,000, but we're way, you know, 200 versus. Yeah. So they would lose, if you don't...it is ten years that they have to do.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. And is it clear then, in case someone would die or divorce or something, how those funds would be distributed?

SENATOR HARTNETT: If they die, then it would go, I think, immediately to their...to their estate.

SENATOR STUHR: All right. Another question, I believe that in your handout you did address a number of states that have created some similar programs. Do they have retirement plans? Are these programs considered retirement plans?

SENATOR HARTNETT: They vary, Senator Stuhr. They vary from...from state to state. Some are retirement plans, others are not.