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we're going to pursue state funding and other foundations outside of funding. If we do not get any state funding, we will take all the state involvement out of the bill, so the PERB board and so forth. To start, we need the Fire Marshal to set up some standards of who is active volunteers, but beyond that case, if we don't get any state funding, and I think...heard back, the Governor talked to the fire school this year and I think he's willing to work, he doesn't want direct appropriation but maybe look at some other type of funding from the state. But if there's no state funding, then we'll do away with the role of the State Investment Officer and also the PERB board. There's no use of doing that. We'll make it a local...a local program. So we have...we have another year. We really have another year for the program because the program doesn't...if a person...because we have to go through this review process, and there's an A bill that follows afterwards, we have to go through this review process. There's going to be 9 people that will serve on this board that will set some standard, who is active within the body, and we'll know, we'll have some numbers after...I think by that time, Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: All right. I have another question. An interim study, LR 266, has been introduced and what do you think that this will accomplish?

SENATOR HARTNETT: What we're going to look with this study is we're going to look and see if there is some state funding or from some foundation, as I said, stated before. So our purpose is to see if we can get some state funding. If we're unsuccessful, then we'll come back next year and make it only a local program.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay. Also in the amendment, it took out the one-year waiver that local entities had. If, for instance, they couldn't have enough money to contribute the following year, they could have then take out a year, or do you think that this will have an impact on the number of local communities participating since that one-year waiver has been removed?

SENATOR HARTNETT: No, but it has nothing to do with it, Senator Stuhr. What it was, if there was a hardship, the state then could contribute money into the program. The waiver only had to