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colleges, I assume they wouldn't be paying any portion of that, that's...that's tuition plus public funding of the schools to the...a combination of those two things. But what about the...the training in the police academy?

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: At the present time...I'd have to look at the present time to compare it with what the bill does. At the present time the local communities do not pay for the training. What their cost is, is when they hire a police officer who needs the training, they pay them their salary while they're going to the academy.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: So they're not paying into the academy itself. The academy has been taken care of with this money and with General Fund money. I may be corrected on that, but I don't think the communities are paying anything into the actual training. With this bill they would...it would have a shorter length of time in the training, because they've had some of their training already out of the way that they would...the only benefit to them would be they wouldn't have to pay the salary for as long as they have to go through training now. The ultimate goal of the bill is, down the road, that we have a pool of officers where these communities wouldn't have to pay anything for, because the...when you need an officer, you want to hire a certified officer. We have more certified officers out there. You go to this...you put up your ad that you want, and you're hopefully going to get three or four officers,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR DW. PEDERSEN: ...certified officers, to apply and then they get the job. So the communities wouldn't have any cost when that happens, when we have a pool. They don't have to pay them to go to training; they've already been through the training.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. The part of that I don't understand is this pool of officers, they have to have gone through the police academy, right?