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described as academic, will no longer, if this bill becomes law, be provided at the Law Enforcement Training Academy. That training will be available in various public and private institutions approved of by the Law Enforcement Training Center, whoever those people are who are going to look at the courses offered and approve them because they meet the requirements for a person who's going to become a certified or sworn law enforcement officer. Since that amount of activity is no longer being done by the Law Enforcement Academy, that academy is going to have a reduced amount of work, a lesser number of people who have to be involved in that overall training activity. This bill also gives to that training center what it does not have now, that is the power to charge tuitions and fees, and to adjust such tuition and fee costs on an annual basis to meet the operational costs of the program. This amendment is designed to delay the implementation of taking away the \$2 so that this transition period can be gone through by the academy. Under the bill there is a period of time envisioned which will be required to move the center from its current way of operating to the methodology envisioned by LB 994. There will have to be restructuring at the academy itself. There will have to be the creation of these curricula at various institutions. Each institution that wants to be a part of this program is going to have to submit for approval its program. These things are not going to be done instantaneously. The purpose of my amendment is not to deprive the academy of money that it may be relying on at this time. This amendment will not take effect prior to the time that the provisions which allow revenue generation, under LB 994, come into play. That's what the amendment would do; that is how it is designed to operate. If you have any questions, I'm prepared to answer them.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate on the amendment? Seeing none, Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Only to say this, Mr. Speaker, I'm going to support the bill. I do not think that it has to be controversial. There will be the opportunity on Select File to resolve any concerns or questions that anybody may have after this point. And that's all that I would have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.