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funding for the program this...in each year of the coming biennium would be the 5.8, I believe it is, million dollars recommended by the Appropriations Committee for need-based aid, plus \$2 million. So there would be about a \$7.8 million allocation in each year of the upcoming biennium, and in the following biennium there would be the appropriation the Legislature decides on, well, in its entirety, but the recommendation or what would be proposed in this amendment, that that would be increased by \$2.5 million rather than the \$2 million in each of this. So it's a \$2.5 million per year. Then the following year the incremental amount, if you would, would go to \$4 million. So we're implementing a gradual increase over a four-year period in the amount of funding that would be available for need-based aid.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. I'm glad I asked the question. Then tell me when that money lapses back into the General Fund in the second biennium, that lottery money portion, then it goes for any kind of use the Legislature wants to make of it. I understand that. But at what point...you're going to have to help me on this, at what point do the monies from the lottery go back to the intended purposes as outlined to the voters when they passed the original constitutional amendment? Am I making myself clear?

SENATOR RAIKES: I think so, Senator, and one of the...or my argument is that one of the intended purposes of that educational use of that lottery money would be to support need-based aid for postsecondary education.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And I don't have any problem with that at all.

SENATOR RAIKES: The other programs would pick up in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The other programs.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes, and that would include the innovative grants, the teacher mentoring...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.