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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So is this money going to wind up going for health care and education?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How do I know that? It's going to be commingled though.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, remember, the wording says such as health care. It doesn't specify I think earmarking it strictly health care and education. It's essential government services such as, and I think the rest of our budget would be essential government services.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And how much is the amount in dollars that will be transferred?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: \$58.2 million under this scenario, under this issue right here that you're discussing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If this \$58 million were not transferred, what would happen?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We'd have a bigger hole of \$58.2 million.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that hole is not created just by education expenses, is it? What percentage of that hole would be attributable to what is expended for educational purposes of any kind?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, the only answer I could come up with is, if our budget of 100 percent is 25 percent or less operations, 25 percent aid to the needy and Medicaid, and 50 percent or more education, then the hole would be represent roughly that same amount.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So I can rest assured, though, being practical, that the spirit of the legislation that made it possible for the state to get this money would be honored even though it is going to go into the General Fund,...