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a little bit, Senator. For the last at least two years now and maybe longer, the money, instead of going to the education innovation council or...I said that wrong, it goes instead directly to the General Fund. So, in effect, over the last two years, those monies have been diverted from that use by that innovation council to the General Fund, and this is really simply...this, I mean line 17, is a proposal to continue that diversion for two more years.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So currently there is no money actually in this Education Innovation Fund.

SENATOR RAIKES: There is lottery money being received, but it is not being directed for use by that education innovation council.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So does it just pass through them to the General Fund, or it goes directly from the lottery into the General Fund?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It's marked as money that would go into this education fund but, because of what has been done, it doesn't even pass through that education fund. It goes directly into the General Fund. Is that the way it is working now?

SENATOR RAIKES: I'll check on that, but I think the last way you said that is correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if so much money can be diverted away from this innovation fund, why do we even go through the charade of giving the appearance that money is available for this purpose when, in fact, it is not? It's not even going to light in that fund. But I know there's not enough time, so you at least know the direction I'm going, and I'll put my light on again.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.