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reality, I guess, for this situation for my district is those individuals have looked at their situation and obviously have come to the conclusion that regardless of what the state does, it's in the best interests of themselves and their students to go forward with this consolidation. And evidently there's obviously no program or, excuse me, there is no program that's going to be in place for them, but I do appreciate Senator Raikes explaining this because I think it's important for us to have on the record clearly what the intent of this is, when it would go into effect. Obviously, now I get to go back to my constituents and let them know that regardless of what we would have done with this proposal, they wouldn't have been eligible unless their effective date was after May of 2005. So I appreciate Senator Raikes' time and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR ERDMAN: ...thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Would Senator Raikes yield to a question?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you yield?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR BOURNE: Senator Raikes, I'd like to follow up on the discussion that you had with Senator Brown and...Senators Brown and Wehrbein. Did you say that the potential exposure of this amendment is 30-some million dollars if all schools agree to consolidate?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: That would be...Senator Bourne, that would be the total payout over a two-year period of this program if every standard school system in the state were reorganized so that they had more than 390 students, and right now there are 134