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get from the federal government if you're an enrolled student.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's right, uh-huh.

SENATOR THOMPSON: And so I'm wondering, just for the record, this particular program says they recommend that they...that they apply for this prior to Pell Grants. In other words, this is the feds saying come to this program first, go to Pell Grants second. How do...what's our philosophy as a state? Do we want people to apply for this program first and then state funds to backfill, or would state funds...I know the conversation was this is more complicated.

SENATOR JANSSEN: This program, what we call the federal Montgomery G.I. Bill, that is available, that \$288 per month is available if you are a student. If you are enrolled in college, in a college or university,...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...that is available to you and you can use that for support. I mean, you could use it towards tuition, or you could use it as living expense. That is a stipend you get from the federal government.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Okay. This program is called the federal tuition assistance, FTA, which is...would replace...if you're drawing those benefits, you're not eligible for this particular program. But it's \$4,500 per soldier and on an annual basis. I'm just wondering how this fits. I'm not on the committee, so I'm just trying to figure this out, and I guess I'm a little more needle-nosed on things than I used to be, having sat on the Appropriations Committee for several years, trying to balance all that we do for the needs of the state. And so I'm trying to figure out, if we go to 100 percent, are we disincenting people from using other federal programs that may exist for tuition assistance?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Oh, I don't think so, because, you know, there are other expenses besides just your tuition credits for...