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\$3 million will be going to this distance learning program. Was that the total before or after you introduced this amendment?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Your time is up. Senator Fischer, your time is up.

SENATOR FISCHER: Oh, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend with FA621. (Legislative Journal page 1135.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Smith, to open on your amendment to the Raikes amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President and members. My floor amendment would strike the text of lines 8 and 9 on page 1, that would give the \$1 million to the School District Reorganization Fund. And I file that with concern for where those dollars are going, and also because I understand that there's movement afoot to call the question here and get the ball rolling, and I think we need to discuss this a bit more. But certainly, I do have a question for Senator Raikes. Would Senator Raikes yield?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Raikes, on the \$1 million for the School District Reorganization Fund, are they currently funded with General Funds now?

SENATOR RAIKES: No. There is no reorganization incentive program in place other than this one, which ends, I believe, this year. This is the last year...I'm looking for some advice here. I think this is the last year for this program.

SENATOR SMITH: This year, '06-07?

SENATOR RAIKES: I believe that's right. I'll check that.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. So the incentives...I'm trying to recall