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innovation or education innovation, is that what's in that Title 92 of the Nebraska Department of Education? Is that...is that the part that this would apply?

SENATOR THOMPSON: The only part of this amendment that I would be familiar with talking about is not the...that fund. It's the Attracting Excellence to Teaching, which was a law that was passed several years ago and is scheduled...though it is...the department has put into implementation all but the money, which was scheduled to be starting this fall.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay.

SENATOR THOMPSON: So that's...the other one you really need to ask Senator Raikes about.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. Then are you telling me in this Education Innovation Fund that there's no...they're not forgiving any loans or it's not a loan forgiveness program then?

SENATOR THOMPSON: What the Legislature did during the special session of the budget crisis was to fund the Attracting Excellence to Teaching funds from the lottery funds, so that's already there. If this bill didn't pass today, just to put it in perspective, if this bill doesn't pass, that's what happens. The program starts. So they had never funded it, but they've done all the...the money is scheduled for this year. They've done all the rules, regulations; met with the teacher training institutions. All that stuff is in place because the law is on the books.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Now then...

SENATOR THOMPSON: I hope I'm being...making that...

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay. Now with this amendment of Senator Raikes' then, you're implementing some money for the Education Innovation Fund or for the Attracting Excellence to Teachers (sic) Program?

SENATOR THOMPSON: The part I was interested in was the