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to get a grasp of where those dollars should come from and how that should be done. And...but you're not aware, is that accurate, you're not aware of...

SENATOR THOMPSON: Well, that would take all of the teacher training institutions coming together and putting a grant together, I guess, and this is set up. They supported this way of doing it and it was supported by all the education groups in the state when we passed the law, so I think it's...I think to put them into some grant program might be very cumbersome.

SENATOR SMITH: Was...

SENATOR THOMPSON: It's better to have it legislatively created like it is now.

SENATOR SMITH: Was there...was it originally a General Fund appropriation?

SENATOR THOMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And so it still won't be General Funds. It will be lottery dollars.

SENATOR THOMPSON: No. Correct. The Legislature changed that and currently the law is that it is funded by lottery dollars, but...unless this bill passes.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. And was there a bill this year to fund the program?

SENATOR THOMPSON: No, that already was passed and it was a future funding from this source. So that's...I...just so you're...I hate to take too much of your time, but basically think of it this way. It already is the law and it already would be funded.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR THOMPSON: What's different is this bill has come forward which would have taken all of the money, and now Senator