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should be protected, too. I think this is a dangerous path we're going down, and I am opposed to it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. On with discussion. Senator Wehrbein, followed by Senator Bourne.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I'm going to oppose this. I understand what Senator Chambers is trying to do, and it's about \$1 million out of \$10 million. If the share of the fund going to the 44.5 percent equals about \$8 million to \$10 million, 10 percent of that would be \$800,000 to \$1 million we're talking about that possibly could be transferred by the Legislature, and the rest could not. But I, too, am...I'll be brief, but I'm concerned that locking it in the constitution...it will never change. And I just hate losing that flexibility for those that are going to be coming later here, fighting budgets. I don't know when that's going to be. It's always difficult. But there will be some down times in the next few years. They'll be searching, searching, searching for dollars. And I'm just reluctant to lock it into the constitution at this time, so I'm going to oppose this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm going to echo Senator Wehrbein's comments. I, too, am going to vote red on this. And the reason is, to follow up on Senator Fischer's questions with Senator Raikes, we are eliminating the Excellence in Education Council. And as many of you may know, this was a...this was not a constitutional council, but it simply...the money that was allocated for, the 44.5 percent, as Senator Beutler mentioned, that is currently in the constitution, went to the council for grants, and they would give out grants that provided for innovative educational opportunities. Well, Senator Raikes has a bill this year that eliminates the Excellence in Education Council, and directs this money...it is for education, I absolutely want to make that clear, but it involves distance education. One might argue that's innovative, I don't know, although the constitution