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In the first place, it creates another reason that there could be a draw on this fund and that is to send eight people who agree to teach classes on motorcycle safety to Kearney to learn how to become an instructor. We have areas of this state in which people want to have a motorcycle training class. They can't get them because there is no qualified instructor in that region and the Department of Education will see to it that we get some people who are willing to go to the school and we will pay their way and we will be able to offer the classes. That will be done through the fund. Secondly, the maximum reimbursement will be raised from \$40 to \$50. Since this bill was originally passed, the per course cost has gone up over time. There are new materials by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and this is another reason to alter the reimbursement schedule. Another change is that we originally wrote that the fund would reimburse for students who had successfully completed the class. We now have an operation in the field that tells us 1 in 12 students probably fail but the instructor is put in a strange position. If they fail and keep that unsafe person off a motorcycle, they don't get reimbursement for the effort and labor and time and cost of materials that went into putting the student through the class. So we have changed by taking out the word successful. It means a student will have to have gone through the class, incurred the costs, but then the instructor does not have the disincentive of trying to pass on somebody and receive reimbursement for somebody who really shouldn't be passing a class. The last thing that LB 1089 does is to ensure that these funds will not be lapsed at the end of the year. This fund and it is a contribution of \$2.50 per year on the motorcycle registrations which was asked for by motorcycle drivers and it has yielded to us a fund greater than the draw on that fund has been on an annual basis. The recent history tells us that at the end of the year that cash fund has been lapsed to the general fund and that we start anew. The strategy in 1089 is to permit that money to continue to be in place until 1990. At such time we should have a corpus of about \$600,000, and with that corpus of \$600,000, we should be able to live on the interest of that at about \$60,000 a year to underwrite all of these costs and with that we will be able to take off the fee on the registration

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