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SENATOR COORDSEN: That...that money is still there, it's...I think it's \$92,000 a year for three years,...

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...that corrected an omission or oversight in the Doniphan School District aid calculations.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. A second question is, would this effectively end...would your amendment effectively end the...the reorganization incentive program at...at a certain date or earlier than it otherwise would of? Or would it continue on for the same amount of time,...

SENATOR COORDSEN: The...

SENATOR RAIKES: ...but at a lower rate of funding?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. The bill...the program, as it currently exists, sunsets on August 2, 2001, and there were more schools participated in the program than what money was allocated to the program, which leaves those that are currently authorized some amount of money from that, and it varies with the school, depending on when they entered the program, to have to be prorated out. That's how this whole issue started. And when we looked at the number of schools that were anticipating consolidations, mergers or unifications, we introduced a bill that extended the deadline out to 2004, and that was reduced, by amendment, down to 2003. I further reduced that down to 2002, and I would anticipate that this is probably the end, although I can't predict what a future Legislature would do, but from my perspective this ends the unification program, Senator, for those schools have a drop dead, if we can use that, date under the amendment of August 2, 2002. But,...

SENATOR RAIKES: You said, Senator, that it ends the unification program. You meant to say the Reorganization Incentive...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Yeah.

SENATOR RAIKES:Program?