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and/or unification proposals between two or more school districts. It's my intent that this is a program that has worked but is a program that we're not going to provide anymore nor are we going to give any...any indication that it's going to exist beyond 2002.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. One other question then, Senator. If there were a lot of school systems that did apply for reorganization, would...would the funding avail...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members. Senator Coordsen, I just would like to ask a quick question, and that's because I wasn't taking notes when you went through your figures in the first place. Would you mind telling me about how much each year you're talking about here?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. Thank you, Senator. For 2001 and '02, of course, we're lapsing the Hardship Fund. The net impact of LB 313, and that's the ones that are in the program now, was \$2 million, so the fund actually gains a million dollars in the first...first year, and then the following year there are expenditures of three million, three hundred...well, nearly \$3,400,000, compared to \$8,400,000 in the original bill. The third year of the program, 2003 and '04, it's estimated that the expenditures will be about \$5 million. That compares with the estimated \$9 million of the original bill. Then, for '04-05, which is the last year, and the reason for that, of course, you have the base year you sign up and two following years that the incentive aid is paid out in, 2004-05 the estimate is seven million, four hundred...roughly, \$7,400,000, compared to the original \$14,800,000, and then the last year, '05 and '06, which is not in the amendment, was \$15 million estimate. And then the other year that was taken out was taken out, I think, on General File, by a Baker amendment. So those are the differences that are projected from year to year from the various sources.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: I appreciate that. Thank you very much, Senator.