

the time that this was coming across on General File because it established a whole different set of procedures and a whole different method of reimbursement to be applicable to Class VI school districts, which was not applicable to any of the other classes of school districts. What I am doing with this amendment is to provide for uniformity among all districts, that is to treat Class VI districts the same as we treat all other districts, while at the same time... while at the same time retaining Senator Lamb's request for 50 percent state reimbursement. So what I am giving you an opportunity to do in my opinion is to establish a uniform law but to establish it with Senator Lamb's request for 50 percent state reimbursement in a situation where the students are allowed to go to out-state schools. Let me tell you what the main effects of the amendment would be. First of all, it would eliminate the Department of Education from the appeal process. With regard to Class VI districts only right now, and this is one of the differences that I don't see a reason for, with regard to Class VI only, the decision of the local board can be appealed to the State Department of Education. What I am saying now...and the State Department of Education, by the way, testified at the hearing that they didn't want to be involved in the appeal process, so what I am doing is dropping the State Board of Education out of the appeal process, which means that the appeal would be the same as for all other districts. In other words, the local Board of Education's decision would be appealed directly to the District Court and the District Court would make a decision. It would be the same for all districts. The second main effect of this amendment would be to put into law with regard to Class VI districts all of the protections that we have established for all the other classes of school districts...for example, the necessity of having a reciprocity agreement with adjoining states. That protection would be applicable to Class VIs as it is to all others. The maximum payment amounts that are put forth in the statutes which are applicable to all districts except VIs right now would now be applicable to VIs also. So the protections that the Legislature thought were important to get into the statutes on this kind of a question would be equally applicable to Class VIs as they should be. And, again, the last and perhaps from Senator Lamb's point of view most important effect of the amendment would be to retain the idea of 50 percent state reimbursement in the event that a student is forced, or is allowed to go outstate for educational purposes. That 50 percent reimbursement