

subdivisions, counties. Included in the formula that was proposed in the bill last year was 50 cents per capita, this year is 75 percent...75 cents the following year, and \$1.00 the third year. This differs somewhat from the original model that institutions had which was one that 10 percent of the budget would come from local governments. Anything over that would be utilized to reduce the amount of state aid. That is not contained in this program. Then there was an addition to this formula that was not in the old Touche-Ross original one. There is a special need category for people that as a practical matter need a one-to-one staffing type of arrangement because of the nature of the handicap. There is included in the formula also what is described as summer daytime, that is children who are out of school and in group homes, and some additional supervision is needed for the summer months. That type of thing was included Touche-Ross as well as in the model that was in the appropriation bill last time. The model, as it now stands, if it was fully funded would require \$5.4 million over and above what is currently being received. Your amendment, of course, is only partial funding of that formula, \$1,270,000. Another important ingredient of the formula was to attempt to provide some equity of funding between regions, particularly in relation to salaries, which has a vast range between regions. Regions II, III, and IV by and large would benefit the most in this because they also had, generally speaking, substantially lower salaries than the other regions. And the salary range, on the average, I think, for all of the regions is about 25 percent below what was deemed comparable state salaries for like work. But the major increase would go to Regions II, III, and IV to bring them up to average. But that is the kind of items that are included in the formula. The...I should add that it had been the intent of the Appropriations Committee to, last fall, have extended hearings and time on the different funding mechanisms. Because of the special sessions that was not completed. But I personally believe very strongly that there is a need for the allocation of these funds against some sort of model. And the one that was included in 722, LB 722 last time is most satisfactory, it would seem to me, and that this is a much more logical kind of approach to determining the distribution between regions, as well as for that matter the total need that might exist if we had funds to be provided. It is a long answer, Senator Sieck, to your question.

SENATOR SIECK: Thank you, Senator Warner. You pretty well explained how the Touche-Ross report was modeled after. Now we are trying to follow that model with full funding with 722. It