

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Vickers, on your amendment to LB 2.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the amendment that I offer to LB 2 should be laying on your desk. It was just recently distributed to you. It's...also on your desk should be a brief explanation of that amendment. Let me begin by telling you that this is more clarification of the intent of the committee amendments that you adopted yesterday, which is now LB 2. It is to clarify that the various provisions of the bill are in a position where they can be workable. I will not use up much of your time since you can read the explanation as well. But, among other things, we needed to make certain that the operative dates were correct so that we didn't set up a circumstance whereby, since we do want to begin to draw the line now, we didn't want to set up a circumstance whereby there would be some students who are in programs now that a law is suddenly changed that they may not fit the new definitions and, therefore, would be put out of the program in mid-school-year. That was not the intent of the committee and I would ask that you adopt the amendment so that those kinds of things didn't happen. Secondly, there was also...the way it was drafted, you could have assumed that the...for that one year the 90 percent would have been greater than it had been in the past because it would not have been able to use the adjusted average per pupil cost deduction for levels two and levels three as we currently are doing. That would clarify that that would not happen. Also, it is designed to give the Department of Education the more clear ability to require the necessary information to carry out the intent of LB 2. As I indicated to you, it is clarification in nature. There isn't any substantive change in the committee's original attempt with LB 2. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have and I apologize for having to admit it in this fashion at this late date. I would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: There are no other lights on, Senator Vickers. Do you want to give any further comments? If not, the question is the adoption of the Vickers amendment amendments to LB 2. All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator