

is I...I heard your dialogue with Senator Schellpeper that funds will come in. But I'm uncomfortable passing legislation on a promise third and fourth hand from someone. I mean, my concern is that, with the language in Section 1, there was a cost to implement that program. I think we need to appropriate the General Fund dollars, if that's a shall, we need to appropriate the General Fund dollars to make it work and find a way...I mean, I applaud the innovative way of funding it, but I'm just...I'm uncomfortable seeing a handwritten amendment. I think there needs to be some thought of how we're going to fund it in case the private funds don't come in. I mean, I, personally, am having a problem saying, well, we're going to put a may and the private funds will come in. I think we need to do something with this to solve that problem.

SENATOR ASHFORD: May I respond to that, Senator Moore? First of all, I discussed this...that's a good point. I discussed this with the Department of Health and they have already initiated this...this program, and they have sufficient funds in their budget for this year to pay for the development of the program, the printing of the material, the mailing of the material to the gun dealers. What I was trying to do by this amendment, I think it does it, is to say that if...that to supplement those funds that we would create a private fund, and that the money from the NRA, that Senator Schellpeper is talking about, would help to pay for that. And that's...I believe that we are covered financially on this, Senator Moore, because the Department of Health does have sufficient funds to...to address the problem and, in fact, have already initiated the program, have already gone to developing the posters, gone out and developed the posters, and are just waiting, at this point, to get some photographs so that they can complete it. So I think the answer is they have postage set aside for this, they have the funds set aside to do the posters and the...and the handouts. And the supplemental fund is designed to, obviously, whatever money comes in, in private funding, can supplant the state funds.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Ashford, I mean, do you have any idea what this is going to cost the state? You're going to argue it's not new money and we may have a friendly disagreement over that, because if they've already done it, I'm interested as to how on other things. But do you have any idea?

SENATOR ASHFORD: How much...