

shift that formula that currently is based on full-time students and with looking at the amount of hours, 18 credit hours per semester and some other things that go into that, but for the most part looking at then on the Class II vocational-technical course, they reimburse on a 1.75. We are looking at a 4. On a Class I vocational-technical course they use a multiplied by a factor of 1.5 and on academic support courses or transfer you're looking at 1.0. Now that gives a little bit of an incentive financially to be able to offer some of those heavy vocational courses, but not necessarily what we would like to see and that's why I bring the amendment today. To be able to, you can say, either reward, offer as a carrot, but look at the funding formulas and rewarding those community colleges who currently are working with and would look more towards offering assistance to businesses and technical training. Some of the things I would like to have you think about while we're looking at this amendment are the things that I know you've been hearing and have been in, I think, joined with me in some of the frustrations we have in looking at the academic transfers at community colleges, what is the role of community colleges and what they should be doing, and the, I think the added emphasis that we'd like to put on voc-tech training. We'll also find in our Western Community College, and I think in some of the others if you look at what some of the changes have been over the last few years on looking at remedial courses, those courses that community colleges have to offer to students because they did not get them in high school. Many of us have shared, I think, the frustration in that for the most part we are paying for those courses in the State of Nebraska twice. We're paying for them in high school and we're paying for them again in community college. Also look at things like what is the role or what is the perception of the student coming out of high school when it comes to voc-tech training? What should be his vocation? Does he need a four year degree to enter the work force? Shouldn't he be proud or shouldn't we encourage some students to look at an associate degree, to look at technical training? Yet businesses will tell you they don't have that kind of trained work force and that it's not always low paying in the State of Nebraska. I was visiting with a gentleman from Valmont Corporation at the Governor's breakfast here a week or so ago on education and he is saying, you know, there are blue collar jobs. We're looking for people that can pay up to \$35,000 a year. I was visiting from an instructor from North Platte who was looking at the food service business and the training in a community college and they're saying that they can place a