

1 appropriations, as provided by statute, for public educa-  
2 tion, he has indicated that a problem arises concerning  
3 the estimates required by statute in the determination of  
4 the agency's budget, as submitted to the governor. I was  
5 informed of testimony before this Committee that the past  
6 and present practice, despite the constitutional guarantee  
7 in (11), has involved a negotiation between the governor's  
8 office, or the office of the Budget Director, and the  
9 State Department of Education. I have carefully checked  
10 this matter with the Finance Division of the State Depart-  
11 ment of Education and the Deputy Superintendent of Schools,  
12 Dr. David W. Zimmerman, and find that there has never been  
13 any "negotiations" over the budget as submitted by the  
14 State Board of Education. There have been "conversations"  
15 over:

- 16 1. The proper assessable bases in the deter-  
17 mination of the local share of the costs of the State  
18 minimum program;
- 19 2. The numbers of pupils to be enrolled;
- 20 3. The numbers and certification status of  
21 teachers to be employed.