

1 A few years ago, a couple of years ago, this
2 was changed somewhat, but the principle that I have just
3 enunciated remains essentially the same. Today the law
4 is, as established by the Legislature, that there shall
5 be spent in each of the Counties a minimum of \$340 per
6 student per year. The funds are raised, again by local
7 contributions and by State grants, and this is the result
8 of a very complex formula which is described generally
9 in our Report, and I don't think it is necessary to go
10 into all of that here, but suffice it to say that the
11 statutes establish the amount of money which should be
12 paid by the State to the local political subdivisions
13 for various things, and if you will look at, beginning
14 at Pages 16 and 17, you will see these various things that
15 the Legislature has said shall be paid for in addition to,
16 or folded in with the general program, and what this is,
17 in the language of the educators is the basic or minimum
18 State program, and the basic or minimum State program,
19 again I want to emphasize, is established by the Legis-
20 lature through actual acts saying exactly what they
21 should be, how much money shall be allocable