

individual school district, secondly, it would seem to me there is a benefit probably occurs to the school district to have part of their personnel involved in some of these activities and thirdly, I don't know if it should be any different than any other individual who is asked to serve on some advisory committee or some committee of state government. The odds are that however they are employed, whether self employed or working for someone there is a certain cost involved because of that person being gone and I think the discussion was that that position was reasonable for this particular area as well as holds true for a whole host of other activities. Granted the dollar amount here is very small.

SENATOR CLARK: The Call is raised. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members I would like to ask Senator Warner or Senator Wiitala, either one, a question if I may. Senator Wiitala, is this, we are dealing with now, your amendment, is this statute mandated by us or is this under Rules and Regulations of the department? It would seem to me, Senator Wiitala, that there may be a difference here whether we did it or whether the Department of Education did. Can you answer my question?

SENATOR WIITALA: I'm not too sure. I believe that it comes under the accreditation standards.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Which then would have been from the Department of Education, not from a statute that we had passed. Is that. . . Senator Warner, maybe Senator Warner. . .

SENATOR WIITALA: Yes, let me yield to Senator Warner.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Warner, did you hear my question?

SENATOR CLARK: Go ahead you are on.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, Senator Carsten, as I recall the bill Senator Wiitala mentioned that I believe he had introduced last year, it either authorized or required and I honestly don't recall which, but I think it was required that the state would pay, reimburse the school district if a substitute teacher had to be hired for. . .to take the place of a teacher who was serving on one of these advisory boards and again as a matter of practice, the Appropriations Committee tries, if the law mandates something, we try to put that money in. The reason for this amendment was to enable us not to put that money in, was to strike the statutes that either requires or authorizes.