

Deaf or the School for the Visually Impaired, and that's not the case. Senator, I would guess that under no circumstances would there be a lease that would be more than on a year-to-year basis. It is not an intent on anybody's part, at least not my part, to have a, I guess an in...a round provision that would protect the facility, because I'm not interested necessarily in the facility. I am interested in the education, the opportunity for these students. The fact that we have the facilities and that they are functioning, for my purposes we ought to fund them then. They ought to be funded adequately. And all this does is allow for any space that's available, if it is there, and that the department says that they don't need for the operation of the School for the Deaf or the School for the Visually Impaired to work with DAS for purposes of...of allowing it to be rented out. If there is dead space out there, it makes sense for me to...my purposes, to try and garner some rent from it. It should only be for that purpose. It should not be to either extend the life of the schools, or to offset the cost of education. If we're going to ante up and say that we're going to have schools in these areas, and provide education for those students with these handicaps, then we ought to pay for it, and we ought to pay for it up front. But it also makes economic sense in terms of space, if we're going to look at having the ability to rent out other space, which we currently do, that we don't necessarily intend to sell in the immediate future, then it should apply to these facilities as well. And that's the only purpose for the amendment, as far as I'm concerned. And I think Senator Wehrbein would concur in that statement that it is in no way a back door attempt to try and bring in individuals who will lease out space that would prevent some other use of the facility. I would not endorse, nor do I think the Department of Administration...Administrative Services would endorse any kind of long-term leases for these types of facilities. The problem has been that in the past I know the School for the Deaf, they've been approached by some individuals who wanted to use some space there. They were prevented from doing that. Frankly, I don't think it was going to be any kind of great moneymaker, but it was the kind of thing where it was going to provide some revenue, it was going to keep a facility that was currently sitting idle in a constructive and unkempt fashion. It makes sense to me to do that. On those buildings, if you're going to maintain them and keep them up anyway, why not have some of that, if not all of that, cost offset by renting those facilities out, if you're able to. Right now the ability to do that is not provided for, that's what the Wehrbein