

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Senator Withem, thank you for the time. The amendment that you are offering certainly does address one of the concerns I have, and I certainly appreciate that. I do...I am uncertain whether the additional portion of your amendment, that is the striking of "either within the district or through the agreement with one or more districts" would accomplish everything that you are indicating, although maybe the legislative record would be enough. I am actually discussing with your counsel, and I know this is a little awkward to carry on a dialogue on your time, but inserting after the word "shall" on line 10, the words in lieu of other programs allowed by law, which clearly then provides for the sub...the other provisions that are already permissible in the law. If you didn't do one of those things, then you would have to have an alternative school, class, or educational program as defined by the Department of Education, but you still would have been left clearly with all of those other alternatives, as well, if that bears any merit.

SPEAKER WITHEM: (Mike off) to get it down to simple, do you feel that this is...if we can use, I guess it is back to my time, again, that you are yielding back to me, you have no problem at all with striking the language on cost-per-pupil, is that correct?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, in fact, Senator, that is, to my mind, completely appropriate because that's left for the districts by agreement then to determine.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, okay, but you are not sure that this other section deals with your concern or your problem?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: That's correct, Senator. I am not sure that it provides...what my concern with that, one of my concerns with that section was that the alternative schools became the exclusive means for school districts to meet the requirements for expelled students.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Okay, let me withdraw this amendment at that time, then, and maybe we need to refile it in a different form.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. Is there anything further on the Bohlke amendment? There's nothing further on the amendment. We now return to a discussion of the Bohlke