

out what we were doing before that went through, but we've adopted them and so I still have to go back and ask some questions. On the alternative education portion of the amendment, which is on pages 5 through 7, in a couple, three different places, let me say that, first of all, I would...I would have supported and would support repealing the alternative school mandate that we adopted last year because I think that's contrary to the whole philosophy that we have in terms of letting schools decide, to some extent, at least, how best to use their money. And I think for a given school district an alternative school may very well be something that they need, and that they want to have, and that they want to use substantial resources for. On the other hand, other schools may feel there are other priorities. I think that is why we have local school boards, and that's why their job is meaningful. If you take away, the more of those decisions that you take away from them, as far as I'm concerned, the less need there is for a local school board and the less responsibility they have to their local taxpayers because they simply have to say at the budget hearing, well, we have to do this, the state made us do it. And that's getting to be more and more of a problem, and if this were not a short session, and if I had not told Senator Bohlke that I would not introduce a bill to repeal the alternative education provisions, I would be running an amendment to try to do that. And I suspect that those of you who had an opportunity to talk to your schools, as Senator Robinson indicated, many of you would feel some inclination to support the repeal of that provision. However, I'm willing to...willing to see what the regulations look like postpone the date of implementation to give us another session to take a look at that, so I'm willing to do that. I am interested in the language that is on page 7, if I could ask Senator Bohlke a question.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Page 7, dealing with the alternative education, there is a section added, or there is a couple of sentences added, I should say, regarding a school district that has expelled a student, may suspend the enforcement of the expulsion unless it was under section (4) of 79-4,196. What does this mean? What are we doing with this section, Senator Bohlke, if I could ask?