

Cudaback, and Chambers. Thank you, Senator Wickersham. There's been a...Senator Wickersham requested a roll call vote. Mr. Clerk, please proceed.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See pages 1335-36 of the Legislative Journal.) 18 ayes, 24 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Wickersham amendment fails. I raise the call.

CLERK: Madam President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Witek. (FA495 is found on page 1115 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Chair recognizes Senator Witek to open on her amendment.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. The amendment that I bring to you today is on page 7 of AM3077, line 8 and 9. I would like to strike the language, "for rehabilitation of the student". The reasons for doing so are because of...there's been some discussion with my board and also at the State Board of Education as to what the rehabilitation of a student would involve and they're really kind of fearful that if it involves too much and they have to set up a whole other system to rehabilitate a student instead of just educating a student or a lawsuit might ensue if they don't have some rehabilitation measure that someone deems that they should have, so they're concerned that if this language is left in this amendment that it might involve them in making a larger system, more of a system than they have intentions of doing or have the resources to do, and they have asked me to bring this amendment to the Legislature to just strike those words, "for rehabilitation of a student". It still allows that a district that expels a student, and we're talking about in the alternative school area, that expels a student that they still have to set up that the student has a school, class, educational programs from the school district as they would deem appropriate. So those decisions would be left at the local level as to what was appropriate. If we take out the rehabilitation language they hope that by doing so that they can go ahead with a lot of the plans that they have along the educational programs that they're planning and not have to add a lot of new programs for rehabilitation and duplicate a lot of