

Committee staff and others who wanted to make sure that it was clear what should be handled. The simple way to say it, as I understand it, is that for budget-setting purposes in both instances it would remain just as it, for all practical purposes, as it is now. The two things that would be done that were different to accommodate the process in 1085 where levies have to be adopted, to reflect change in valuations and the change in levy is that there would be a hearing held first of all the affected, whether it was an affiliated or a Class VI with common levy. There would be a public hearing at which...that would be held with the high school district location, a combined hearing on all of the budgets. And then the high school board would have the authority to take the kind of action that was required to increase the levy, if that was necessary in order to fund the budget and to be in compliance with the other provisions of 1085 reflecting the change in valuation. It doesn't change anything. I think essentially the budget-setting process is the same, but there needed to be clarification that there was an entity that had to take the necessary action to set that levy, and it was not felt clear in the bill. This clarifies that procedure. And in both cases it would be the Class VI school board or the high school of the affiliated school district that would be taking the action to set what that levy might be based upon the requests for the appropriations. I'd ask that the bill be returned for that...adoption of that clarifying amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: On the motion to return, Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I wonder if I could ask Senator Warner a question, just to clarify.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Warner, would you respond?

SENATOR WARNER: Try.

SENATOR WITEK: The amendment that you are wanting to return 693 now at this point is 4454, which begins...it's the amendment that you passed out that begins with, "Certify", "For school systems", et cetera?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR WITEK: The amendment that was just adopted by this body