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educational operation in that Class I district...or K-12 district. The protection of elementary attendance centers, the thing to notice there first off is that there is no requirement that any attendance center be closed. That is not mandated. You're simply allowing the K-12 board, locally elected K-12 board, to make that decision. There are some restrictions on what they can do based on number of students served in the Class I, whether or not it is ten miles or more from a village. And there are two levels of protection: one of them that basically prohibits closing of the attendance center; the other one would allow it, but only with a three-quarters vote of the school board. So...and then, finally, the amendment which is before you now is, in fact, technical. I would be happy to have any...or answer any questions that you might have on that. Let me make one other point. If I do yell it would be about comments that somehow this fiscal note was conjured. That is absolutely incorrect. The integrity of our Fiscal Office is beyond reproach. I didn't talk to them before the first fiscal note or before this one. The fact is they got more information based on what was available from the Department of Education, and they have clearly stated in that fiscal note exactly how they came to their conclusion. It is my estimation that they are still very conservative, and I will be happy to make that point. But for someone to argue that we were somehow lied to or cheated by the Fiscal Office is nonsense. In fact, I would yield some time to Senator Pederson, if he would like to comment further on that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Pederson, you have about 1, 15.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Just a brief comment. I'm very concerned about the comments that have been made on this floor about our Legislative Fiscal Office. I have served on the Appropriations Committee for nine years and I have never once found any area where any fiscal note was determined based on anything other than the facts involved. And I just think that this is kind of the heart of how we rely upon our fiscal evidence, and I just want to tell you that it's not appropriate to be saying that anything that they do is based upon a political motivation, because I have never found it. It isn't...I am sure it isn't in this case. I spoke with the