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what we hope is a solution in the Standing Committee amendment to the bill, AM1455, which very briefly gives the schools the option of either going with an alternative school, class, or program, or if they expel a student, after following certain procedures such as an in-school suspension within six months prior to the expulsion, a short-term suspension. Then before expelling a student having a conference to develop a plan with the assistance of the parent or legal guardian, the principal or a school representative or...and a representative of a community organization that works with youth, to develop a plan, setting out the steps that the student must take to accomplish in order to have the expulsion suspended. And the student would have to attend monthly reviews during the expulsion to assess the student's progress towards accomplishing a suspension of the expulsion. I think...I have appreciated the help of the Education Committee and others who had input into finding a solution for this. I am hopeful that, that it will be a fair solution, and that those schools that need and want to prioritize alternative schools will continue to do so, and those that have an occasional expulsion will have the opportunity to follow this other procedure. I know that there may be some questions, and I don't want to take all of the time talking on the bill, so with that, Mr. Speaker, I will yield the rest of my time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Mr. Clerk, I understand there are committee amendments.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, there are committee amendments. (See AM1455 on page 1501 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke, how would you like to open on the committee amendments then.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. Speaker and members, the committee amendment, I think, as Senator Bromm indicated, addresses many of the concerns he had raised and schools had raised to him. Actually, the suggestion came in when I was talking to some superintendents who said, this is really the procedure that we follow before we expel a student anyway. And as we talked about that in committee, we thought, well, then that may be the alternative plan to actually going ahead with expelling a