

# Senate Education Committee

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**HB 394**, relative to the powers and duties of cooperative school district budget committees and the role of cooperative school district board member representatives on such committees.

**Hearing Date:** April 29, 2025

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Ward, Sullivan, Abbas, Prentiss and Altschiller

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill directs the cooperative school district budget committee to review and provide a recommendation on all proposed warrant articles or supplemental appropriations involving the expenditure of funds. The bill also changes the school board appointed member on the cooperative school board budget committee to a non-voting ex-officio role.

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**Sponsors:**  
Rep. Spilsbury

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**Who supports the bill:** Representative Glenn Cordelli, Eric Pauer, Claire Poulin.

**Who opposes the bill:** Donna Lannan, Katie McLaughlin.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** No one signed in neutrality to this bill.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Representative Glenn Cordelli**

- Representative Glenn Cordelli Introduced HB 394.
- Representative Cordelli established that House Bill 394 passed the House on the Consent Calendar.
- Representative Cordelli stated that the bill makes the member of the school board who is appointed to the cooperative school district's budget committee a nonvoting member. He stated that this change is necessary because the representative appointed by the school board has already had the chance to vote on the budget when it was before the school board.
- Representative Cordelli explained that House Bill 394 would establish the charge of the budget committee and require the budget committee's recommendation on

appropriation articles outside of the warrant budget to be printed in the warrant article.