

Senate Education Committee

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HB 484, relative to reallocation or repurposing of career and technical education classroom space by local school districts.

Hearing Date: April 2, 2025

Time Opened: 2:31 p.m.

Time Closed: 2:35 p.m.

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

Members of the Committee Absent : None

Bill Analysis: This bill authorizes a school district to repurpose CTE space after 20 years of exclusive use at no cost.

Sponsors:
Rep. Daniels

Who supports the bill: Rep. Gary Daniels, Rep. Kristine Perez, Tracy Bricchi. Eric Pauer and Daniel Richardson signed in online supporting the bill.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Rep. Gary Daniels

- This bill authorizes the allocation and re-purposing of career and technical education classrooms by local school districts.
- Once funds are accepted from the state for career and technical education, it must be used for that purpose exclusively - unless the school district reimburses the state for those classrooms.
- This limits opportunities for students and requires the demolition of buildings that would be otherwise suitable for education.
- This bill adds conditional language that allows for the re-purposing of these classrooms after twenty years. This ensures the initial investment by the state is able to benefit students for a sufficient amount of time.
- Senator Altschiller asked why the term is twenty years.
- Rep. Daniels answered that it is consistent with building aid, and was agreed upon with the commissioner.

