

Opponents of school vouchers fear Gov. Scott Walker could use his expansive veto powers to expand the program statewide under language added to the state budget early on Thursday morning by Assembly Republicans.

As it's currently written, the language outlines criteria that would only apply to Racine. A lobbyist for voucher advocates School Choice Wisconsin says the intention is only to have vouchers expand from Milwaukee to Racine and Milwaukee County but nowhere else.

Walker spokesman Cullen Werwie said Thursday that the governor will not use his veto power to expand the program statewide. And Republican Sen. Mike Ellis says a bill will be passed later to make clear the vouchers can't expand beyond Racine.