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Short Title: Duties of School Counselors.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Bell.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL COUNSELORS SPEND THEIR TIME
3 PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES TO STUDENTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 21 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended
6 by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 115C-316.1. Duties of school counselors.**

8 School counselors shall implement a comprehensive developmental school-
9 counseling program in their schools. Counselors shall spend at least eighty percent
10 (80%) of their work time providing direct services to students. These direct services
11 shall consist of:

- 12 (1) Delivery of the school guidance curriculum through large-group
13 guidance, interdisciplinary curriculum development, group activities,
14 and parent workshops;
15 (2) Individual student planning through individual or small-group
16 assistance and individual or small-group advisement; and
17 (3) Responsive services through consultation with students, families, and
18 staff; individual and small-group counseling; crisis counseling;
19 referrals; and peer facilitation.

20 Direct services do not include the coordination of standardized testing.

21 During the remainder of their work time, counselors shall spend adequate time on
22 school-counseling program support activities that consist of professional development;
23 consultation, collaboration, and training; and program management and operations."

24 **SECTION 2.** Prior to the 2004-2005 school year, each local board of
25 education shall develop a transition plan for implementing Section 1 of this act, within
26 existing resources, by reassigning duties within its schools.

1 The State Board of Education shall distribute guidelines to all local school
2 administrative units on the implementation of this act.

3 **SECTION 3.** The State Board of Education shall report to the Joint
4 Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the implementation of this act.

5 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law. Section 1 of this act
6 applies to school years beginning with the 2004-2005 school year.