

Introduced by

Senators Axtman, Elkin, Schaible

Representatives Bosch, Hauck, Heinert

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to required school counselors.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-06-19. Counselor positions - Requirement.**

- 7 1. ~~Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, each~~Each school district must have available
8 one full-time equivalent school counselor or contract for services equivalent to one
9 full-time equivalent school counselor for every three hundred students in grades seven
10 through twelve.
- 11 2. ~~Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, each~~Each school district must have available
12 one full-time equivalent school counselor or contract for services equivalent to one
13 full-time equivalent school counselor for every three hundred students in grades
14 kindergarten through six.
- 15 3. Up to one-third of the full-time equivalency requirement established in subsection 1
16 may be met by career advisors.
- 17 4. For purposes of this section, ~~a "career;~~
- 18 a. "Career advisor" means an individual who holds a certificate in career
19 development facilitation issued by the department of career and technical
20 education under section 15-20.1-24 or an individual who is provisionally
21 approved by the department of career and technical education under section
22 15-20.1-25 to serve as a career advisor; and
- 23 b. "Counselor" means an individual who meets the requirements of an approved
24 program of graduate study in school guidance and counseling from a college or

- 1 university approved by the education standards and practices board, a school
- 2 psychologist recognized by the education standards and practices board, or a
- 3 licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and
- 4 family therapist, licensed psychologist, or licensed addiction counselor.