



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 312

LCO No. 2140



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL COUNSELORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-203c of the 2020 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 Not later than July 1, 2020, the State Board of Education, in
5 collaboration with a state-wide association that represents school
6 counselors, shall adopt guidelines for a comprehensive school
7 counseling program. Such guidelines shall ensure that (1) all students
8 have access to a comprehensive school counseling program that
9 provides academic, social-emotional and post-secondary and career
10 readiness programming by a certified school counselor with adequate
11 training, and (2) a school counselor devotes at least eighty per cent of
12 his or her work time during regular school hours to providing school
13 counseling services directly to individual or groups of students. The
14 state board shall make the guidelines available to local and regional
15 boards of education and published on the Internet web site of the
16 Department of Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-203c
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Statement of Purpose:

To include a requirement in the guidelines for a comprehensive school counseling program that school counselors spend at least eighty per cent of their work time during regular school hours providing school counseling services directly to individual or groups of students.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]