

HOUSE BILL No. 1376

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-18-2-22; IC 20-26-19; IC 20-28-13.

Synopsis: School counselors and student services. Adds a school counselor to the definition of "teacher". Adds a definition of "student services personnel". Requires student services personnel to hold appropriate credentials that accurately reflect the individual's job title, duties, and responsibilities. Requires a school corporation to provide certain career, educational, and student assistance services to students.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-18-2-22, AS AMENDED BY P.L.167-2013,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 22. (a) "Teacher" means a professional person
4 whose position in a school corporation requires certain educational
5 preparation and licensing and whose primary responsibility is the
6 instruction of students.
7 (b) For purposes of IC 20-28, the term includes the following:
8 (1) A superintendent who holds a license under IC 20-28-5.
9 (2) A principal.
10 (3) A teacher.
11 (4) A librarian.
12 (5) **A school counselor.**
13 SECTION 2. IC 20-26-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
14 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2014]:
16 **Chapter 19. Educational and Career Services**



1 **Sec. 1. For purposes of this chapter, "career services" includes**
 2 **the following:**

- 3 **(1) Career education.**
 4 **(2) Career information.**
 5 **(3) Career assessment.**
 6 **(4) Career planning.**
 7 **(5) Student placement and follow-up, which includes:**
 8 **(A) assisting students with:**
 9 **(i) making choices;**
 10 **(ii) learning about educational opportunities; and**
 11 **(iii) making referrals to placement agencies; and**
 12 **(B) conducting periodic follow-up studies of high school**
 13 **graduates to learn their degree of success in postsecondary**
 14 **endeavors.**

15 **(6) Other similar services provided to students.**

16 **Sec. 2. For purposes of this chapter, "educational services"**
 17 **includes the following:**

- 18 **(1) Admission and orientation.**
 19 **(2) Study skills and tutoring.**
 20 **(3) Achievement testing, which includes:**
 21 **(A) assisting teachers with the administration of local,**
 22 **state, and national group achievement testing programs;**
 23 **(B) providing individual achievement testing to students,**
 24 **when needed; and**
 25 **(C) assisting teachers and administrators in interpreting**
 26 **and reporting the results of achievement tests to students,**
 27 **parents, and the community.**
 28 **(4) Student advising and scheduling.**
 29 **(5) Other similar services provided to students.**

30 **Sec. 3. For purposes of this chapter, "student assistance**
 31 **services" includes the following:**

- 32 **(1) Assisting teachers and parents in delivering the health and**
 33 **social studies proficiencies of the school curricula.**
 34 **(2) Collaborating with community resources to develop**
 35 **summer school programs and extended school programs to**
 36 **meet the social and recreational needs of students.**
 37 **(3) Educating school staff and parents on the developmental**
 38 **needs and behavioral management of students.**
 39 **(4) Educating school staff and parents to identify and refer**
 40 **students who are experiencing problems that interfere with**
 41 **student learning.**
 42 **(5) Obtaining and interpreting data on student needs.**



1 (6) Implementing the school's policies and procedures with
 2 regard to identifying and referring students and families who
 3 are in need of special services.

4 (7) Providing brief individual and group counseling to
 5 students and families who need help with personal concerns
 6 or developmental problems.

7 (8) Providing consultation services to school staff and parents
 8 regarding strategies for helping students cope with personal
 9 and social concerns.

10 (9) Implementing policies and procedures for referring
 11 students and families to student assistance services and
 12 community agencies for intensive counseling or other
 13 specialized services not available from the school.

14 (10) Disseminating a directory of community services and
 15 resources.

16 (11) Creating a system to monitor referrals described in
 17 subdivision (9) to ensure that students and families receive
 18 services in a timely and appropriate manner.

19 (12) Other similar services provided to students and families.

20 **Sec. 4. (a) A school corporation shall provide educational and**
 21 **career services at the elementary school and secondary school**
 22 **levels.**

23 **(b) Secondary school educational services and career services**
 24 **shall be coordinated by a certified school counselor.**

25 **Sec. 5. (a) School corporations shall provide student assistance**
 26 **services at the elementary school and secondary school levels.**

27 **(b) Student assistance services shall be coordinated by a:**

28 **(1) certified school counselor;**

29 **(2) certified school psychologist; or**

30 **(3) certified school social worker with a master's degree.**

31 **SECTION 3. IC 20-28-13 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE**
 32 **AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**
 33 **JULY 1, 2014]:**

34 **Chapter 13. Student Services Personnel**

35 **Sec. 1. The definitions in IC 20-26-19 apply throughout this**
 36 **chapter.**

37 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "student services personnel"**
 38 **refers to individuals who provide educational and career services**
 39 **or student assistance services and who hold credentials in the areas**
 40 **of:**

41 **(1) school counseling for educational services and career**
 42 **services; or**



1 (2) school counseling, school psychology, or, at a master's
2 degree level, school social work for student assistance
3 services.

4 **Sec. 3. This section applies to student services personnel hired**
5 **after June 30, 2014. Student services personnel must hold**
6 **appropriate credentials that accurately reflect the individual's job**
7 **title, duties, and responsibilities as determined by the department.**

