

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to E-12 Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; requiring a school counselor in every school; appropriating  
1.3 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.39.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 121A.39, is amended to read:

1.6 **121A.39 SCHOOL COUNSELORS.**

1.7 (a) Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year and later, a school district is strongly  
1.8 encouraged to have an adequate student-to-counselor ratio for its students beginning in the  
1.9 2015-2016 school year and later must have a school counselor in every district school  
1.10 building that serves students in any grade from kindergarten through grade 12.

1.11 (b) A school counselor shall assist a student in meeting the requirements for high school  
1.12 graduation, college and career exploration, and selection, college affordability planning,  
1.13 and successful transitions into postsecondary education or training.

1.14 Sec. 2. **SCHOOL COUNSELORS; APPROPRIATION.**

1.15 \$..... in fiscal year 2020 and \$..... in fiscal year 2021 are appropriated from the general  
1.16 fund to the commissioner of education to reimburse school districts for planning, hiring,  
1.17 and training school counselors under Minnesota Statutes, section 121A.39.