

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 19, 2018

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 SENATE BILL NO. 1409

5 By: Dossett

6 An Act relating to school counselors; requiring
7 school counselors to implement certain program;
8 requiring school counselors to spend certain
9 percentage of work time on direct services; providing
10 description of direct services; directing school
11 counselors to spend remainder of work time on certain
12 services; providing for promulgation of rules;
13 providing for codification; providing an effective
14 date; and declaring an emergency.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.559 of Title 70, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. School counselors shall implement a comprehensive
20 developmental school counseling program in the public school
21 districts at which they are employed. Counselors **should** spend at
22 least eighty percent (80%) of their work time providing direct
23 services to students. Direct services shall not include the
24 coordination of the statewide student assessment system required by
Section 1210.508 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or other
standardized testing. Direct services shall consist of:

1 1. Delivering the school district guidance curriculum through
2 large group guidance, interdisciplinary curriculum development,
3 group activities and parent workshops;

4 2. Guiding individual student planning through individual or
5 small group assistance and individual or small group advisement;

6 3. Providing responsive services through consultation with
7 students, families and staff; individual and small group counseling;
8 crisis counseling; referrals; and peer facilitation; and

9 4. Performing other student services prescribed by the State
10 Board of Education in its administrative rules.

11 B. During the remainder of their work time, school counselors
12 shall spend adequate time on school counseling program support
13 activities that consist of professional development; consultation,
14 collaboration and training; and program management operations.

15 School counseling program support activities shall not include the
16 coordination of standardized testing; however, school counselors may
17 assist other staff with the coordination of standardized testing.

18 C. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
19 implement the provisions of this act.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
4 February 19, 2018 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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