

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL 35

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

20 A. School counselors may implement a comprehensive
21 developmental school counseling program in the public school
22 districts at which they are employed. Counselors may spend at least
23 eighty percent (80%) of their work time providing direct services to
24 students. Direct services shall not include the coordination of the
25 statewide student assessment system required by Section 1210.508 of

1 Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or other standardized testing.

2 Direct services shall consist of:

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

6 2. Guiding individual student planning through individual or
7 small group assistance and individual or small group advisement;

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

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 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.

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