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Introduced by

Senators Bowie: Boyer, Gabaldon, Gonzales, Marsh, Terán; Representatives
Dalessandro, Espinoza, Hernandez M, Jermaine, Pawlik

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-120.02; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-217; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2,
ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-240;
APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO SCHOOL COUNSELORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-120.02, to read:

4 15-120.02. School counselor ratio; requirements; definition

5 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, BEGINNING IN
6 THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR, IF SUFFICIENT MONIES ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THIS
7 PURPOSE, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL HIRE AT LEAST ONE
8 SCHOOL COUNSELOR FOR EVERY FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN
9 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL.

10 B. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL HAS FEWER THAN FIVE
11 HUNDRED FIFTY STUDENTS ENROLLED, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL
12 SHALL EITHER:

13 1. HIRE ONE SCHOOL COUNSELOR, WHO MAY BE EMPLOYED ON A PART-TIME
14 BASIS.

15 2. ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER
16 SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR CHARTER SCHOOLS TO CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL COUNSELOR
17 SERVICES.

18 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL COUNSELOR" HAS THE
19 SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-217.

20 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 2, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
21 is amended by adding section 15-217, to read:

22 15-217. School counselors; certification; rules; definition

23 A. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO SCHOOL
24 COUNSELORS WHO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD. IN
25 DEVELOPING THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, THE STATE BOARD SHALL RECOGNIZE
26 THAT THE PURPOSE AND ROLE OF THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR IS TO PLAN, ORGANIZE AND
27 DELIVER A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING PROGRAM THAT
28 PERSONALIZES EDUCATION AND THAT SUPPORTS, PROMOTES AND ENHANCES THE
29 ACADEMIC, PERSONAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF ALL
30 STUDENTS. THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SHALL CONFORM TO STANDARDS
31 ADOPTED FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAMS BY A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL
32 COUNSELORS.

33 B. A PERSON MAY NOT BE EMPLOYED AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR IN A SCHOOL
34 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL IN THIS STATE AFTER JUNE 30, 2023 UNLESS THAT
35 PERSON OBTAINS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATE FROM THE STATE BOARD.

36 C. THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF
37 THIS SECTION.

38 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL COUNSELOR" MEANS A
39 PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR WHO HOLDS A VALID SCHOOL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATE
40 ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

1 F. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE
2 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MAY ADOPT POLICIES TO CARRY OUT THE
3 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

4 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL COUNSELING PLAN" MEANS
5 A COUNSELING PLAN IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS MANAGED
6 BY ONE OR MORE SCHOOL COUNSELORS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-217.

7 Sec. 4. Appropriations; school counseling plan grant fund

8 The following sums are appropriated from the state general fund in
9 each of the following fiscal years to the school counseling plan grant
10 fund established by section 15-240, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by
11 this act, and are appropriated from the school counseling plan grant fund
12 to the department of education:

- 13 1. \$19,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023.
- 14 2. \$38,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024.
- 15 3. \$57,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025.
- 16 4. \$76,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026.
- 17 5. \$95,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027.