
HOUSE BILL 1670

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By Representatives Quall and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to the role of school counselors in public schools;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.410 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the professional
6 school counselor is a certificated educator with unique qualifications
7 and skills to address all students' academic, personal, social, and
8 career development needs. School counselors serve a vital role in
9 maximizing student achievement, supporting a safe learning environment,
10 and addressing the needs of all students through prevention and
11 intervention programs that are part of a comprehensive school
12 counseling program. The legislature further finds that current state
13 statutes fail to mention anything about school counselors. Therefore,
14 the legislature intends to codify into law the importance and the role
15 of school counselors in public schools.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 A school counselor is a professional educator who holds a valid

1 school counselor certification as defined by the professional educator
2 standards board. The purpose and role of the school counselor is to
3 plan, organize, and deliver a comprehensive school guidance and
4 counseling program that personalizes education and supports, promotes,
5 and enhances the academic, personal, social, and career development of
6 all students, based on the national standards for school counseling
7 programs of the American school counselor association.

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