

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1670**

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60th Legislature  
2007 Regular Session

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/22/07

Passed by the House March 12, 2007  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 10, 2007  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 21, 2007, 10:55 a.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1670** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 23, 2007

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Quall and Santos

Read first time 01/24/2007. Referred to Committee on Education.

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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