

E2SHB 2779 - S AMD TO S COMM HSC S5371.2 **841**

By Senator Bailey

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1 On page 10, after line 23, insert the following:

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3 "NEW SECTION. A new section is added to chapter 28A.210 RCW to read as
4 follows:

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6 (1) Every public school must employ at least one mental health
7 counselor in order to allow students reasonable access to a mental
8 health counselor as Mental health counselors must work on-site at
9 schools to increase their visibility and to encourage communication
10 between the students and the mental health counselor. Mental health
11 counselors may, as appropriate, observe classrooms upon request by a
12 teacher or student. Teachers or students may make this request
13 anonymously.

14 (2) Mental health counselors must be licensed by the state under
15 chapter 18.225 RCW and may only work within the scope of their
16 license."

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EFFECT: Adds a section that requires every public school to
employ at least one mental health counselor.

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