

Sixty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2340

Introduced by

Senators Axtman, Elkin, Schaible

Representatives Bosch, Hauck, Heinert

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to required school counselors.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-06-19. Counselor positions - Requirement.**

- 7 1. ~~Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, each~~Each school district must have available
8 one full-time equivalent school counselor or contract for services equivalent to one
9 full-time equivalent school counselor for every three hundred students in grades seven
10 through twelve.
- 11 2. ~~Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, each~~Each school district must have available
12 one full-time equivalent school counselor or contract for services equivalent to one
13 full-time equivalent school counselor for every three hundred students in grades
14 kindergarten through six.
- 15 3. Up to one-third of the full-time equivalency requirement established in subsection 1
16 may be met by career advisors.
- 17 4. For purposes of this section, a "career advisor" means an individual who holds a
18 certificate in career development facilitation issued by the department of career and
19 technical education under section 15-20.1-24 or an individual who is provisionally
20 approved by the department of career and technical education under section
21 15-20.1-25 to serve as a career advisor.
- 22 5. A school district shall attempt to meet the 300:1 ratio requirements under
23 subsections 1 and 2 with an individual who meets the requirements of an approved
24 program of graduate study in school guidance and counseling from a college or

1 university approved by the education standards and practices board. If a school district
2 is unable to meet the ratio requirements under subsections 1 and 2, for the purposes
3 of qualifying for the 300:1 ratio, positions may be filled by a school psychologist
4 recognized by the education standards and practices board, licensed social worker,
5 licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed
6 psychologist, licensed vocational rehabilitation counselor, or licensed addiction
7 counselor.