

SENATE BILL 1656

By Campbell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
relative to school counselors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department shall allocate to each LEA sufficient funds for the LEA to employ one (1) full-time licensed professional school counselor position for every two hundred fifty (250) student members of the LEA or one (1) full-time position for each LEA and public charter school within the LEA, whichever is greater.

(b) Each LEA and public charter school shall employ a licensed professional school counselor for each position funded pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) The funds allocated to an LEA pursuant to this section are in addition to the funds allocated to the LEA for purposes of the TISA.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2024-2025 school year and each school year thereafter.