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Short Title: Update Sch. Counselor Job Description.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO UPDATE THE
JOB DESCRIPTION FOR SCHOOL COUNSELORS.

Whereas, funds are appropriated by the General Assembly for the purpose of providing school guidance counselors for public schools; and

Whereas, it is expected that such school guidance counselors shall provide guidance services; and

Whereas, there exist questions in current practices of the appropriateness of some duties assigned to these professional staff members; Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The State Board of Education shall update and clarify the job description for public school guidance counselors. In so doing, the Board shall involve currently employed guidance counselors recommended by the North Carolina School Counselors Association. These individuals shall reflect the different levels of elementary, middle, and high schools and the diversity of local school administrative units (large/small and rural/urban). The Board shall select a similar number of school administrators to assist in this task. These administrators also shall reflect the different levels of schools and diversity of local school administrative units. The State Board of Education shall report changes to the job description for public school counselors, and any recommendations, to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.