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SUMMARY

- Requires the Department of Education, within 120 days after the bill's effective date, to make recommendations for a job description for school counselors employed by public schools.
- Requires each public school to consider the recommendations made by the Department when preparing job descriptions and assigning duties to school counselors.
- Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to designate at least one employee of the Department to serve as a liaison for school counselors across the state.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Job description for school counselors

The bill requires the Department of Education, within 120 days after the bill's effective date, to make recommendations for a job description for school counselors employed by public schools (school districts, community schools, and STEM schools).¹ Each public school must consider the recommendations when preparing job descriptions for and assigning duties to school counselors.²

The Department's recommendations must be based on the standards for school counselors most recently adopted by the State Board of Education. Additionally, the recommendations must specify the following breakdown of school counselor duties:

¹ R.C. 3319.091(A).

² R.C. 3319.091(C).

- 80% must be direct and indirect services to students in academic, career, and social and emotional development; and
- 20% must be program planning and social development.³

According to the Executive Summary of the National School Counselor Program Model of the American School Counselor Association (referred to by the bill), direct student services include instruction, appraisal and advisement, and counseling. It describes indirect services as consultation, collaboration, and referrals.⁴

School counselor liaison

The bill requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to designate at least one employee of the Department to serve as a liaison for school counselors across the state.⁵

HISTORY

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Introduced	06-01-21

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³ R.C. 3319.091(A).

⁴ The executive summary of the most recent version of the National School Counselor Program Model is available at <https://www.schoolcounselor.org/>. Click on “About School Counseling,” then “Templates & Resources,” then “Executive Summary.”

⁵ R.C. 3319.091(B).