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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Miranda and White

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill appears to have no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions though it may result in increased administrative workload for the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). The bill requires ODE to make specified recommendations for a job description for school counselors employed by public schools. The recommendations must be (1) based on the standards for school counselors most recently adopted by the State Board of Education and (2) specify that 80% of school counselor duties must be direct and indirect services to students and 20% of school counselor duties must be program planning and school support activities. Each public school must consider the recommendations when preparing job descriptions for and assigning duties to school counselors. Additionally, the bill requires at least one ODE employee to serve as a liaison for school counselors across the state. According to ODE, one employee currently supports school counselor standards and evaluations and two employees in the Office of Graduate Success, which provides guidance on graduation requirements, regularly meet with school counselors. All three of those employees have additional responsibilities, however they could take on the additional responsibilities under the bill without increasing costs to the Department.