

Introduced by

Representatives Clark, Huether, Torgerson

Senators Andrist, Grindberg, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act relating to the provision of guidance and counseling services at the
2 elementary and secondary school level.

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

4 **SECTION 1. School guidance and counseling services - Providers.**

5 Notwithstanding any other law, guidance and counseling services at the elementary and
6 secondary school level may be provided by a person holding a graduate degree in counseling
7 from a state-approved school counseling program, with coursework and an internship in school
8 counseling, as required for all counselors by the superintendent of public instruction, provided
9 the person has a valid North Dakota teaching certificate or will obtain one within seven years
10 from the date of first employment under the provisions of this section. The education standards
11 and practices board shall adopt rules relating to the background check of a person hired under
12 this section. All costs associated with a background check are the responsibility of the person
13 being hired. The education standards and practices board shall monitor a person hired under
14 this section to ensure that the person annually completes at least one-seventh of the total
15 credits required for that person to obtain a teaching certificate as determined on the date of first
16 employment under this section.