

Fifty-fifth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1337**

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 from a  
7 regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher education in school counseling. A person  
8 without a school counseling degree may be certified by the superintendent of public instruction  
9 through an alternate procedure if the person meets specific academic and training standards  
10 adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. The determination of the specific  
11 standards must be made by the superintendent of public instruction in consultation with the  
12 academic departments offering school counseling graduate programs in this state. The  
13 absence of a teaching certificate or teaching experience may not be used as cause for denial of  
14 an applicant's certificate. Hiring a counselor under this section may not be cause for loss of a  
15 school's accreditation.