

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1490**

Introduced by

Representatives Vigesaa, Pyle, Brandenburg, Headland

Senators Lemm, Wanzek, Paulson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to required psychological evaluations for school counselors.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 15.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **School counselor - Psychological evaluation - Student safety.**

- 7 1. A school counselor licensed under this chapter is not authorized to provide services to  
8 a student without another faculty member present unless:
- 9 a. The school counselor has been evaluated by a licensed psychologist approved  
10 by the board;
  - 11 b. In the professional opinion of the licensed psychologist, the school counselor  
12 does not have a psychological condition or impairment rendering the school  
13 counselor unable to safely and effectively provide services to a student; and
  - 14 c. The school counselor provides to the board documentation of the professional  
15 opinion of the licensed psychologist under subdivision b in the manner prescribed  
16 by the board.
- 17 2. A psychological evaluation under subsection 1 satisfies the requirements of this  
18 section until two years after the date of the psychological evaluation.