

Sixty-eighth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2340

Introduced by

Senators Axtman, Elkin, Schaible

Representatives Bosch, Hauck, Heinert

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to required school counselors.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-06-19 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-06-19. Counselor positions - Requirement.**

- 7 1. ~~Beginning with the 2010-11 school year, each~~Each school district must have available  
8 one full-time equivalent school counselor or contract for services equivalent to one  
9 full-time equivalent school counselor for every three hundred students in grades seven  
10 through twelve.
- 11 2. ~~Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, each~~Each school district must have available  
12 one full-time equivalent school counselor or contract for services equivalent to one  
13 full-time equivalent school counselor for every three hundred students in grades  
14 kindergarten through six.
- 15 3. Up to one-third of the full-time equivalency requirement established in subsection 1  
16 may be met by career advisors.
- 17 4. For purposes of this section, a "career advisor" means an individual who holds a  
18 certificate in career development facilitation issued by the department of career and  
19 technical education under section 15-20.1-24 or an individual who is provisionally  
20 approved by the department of career and technical education under section  
21 15-20.1-25 to serve as a career advisor.
- 22 5. A school district shall attempt to meet the three hundred to one ratio requirements  
23 under subsections 1 and 2 with an individual who meets the requirements of an  
24 approved program of graduate study in school guidance and counseling from a college

1           or university approved by the education standards and practices board. If a school  
2           district is unable to meet the ratio requirements under subsections 1 and 2, for the  
3           purposes of qualifying for the three hundred to one ratio, positions may be filled by a  
4           school psychologist recognized by the education standards and practices board,  
5           licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family  
6           therapist, licensed psychologist, licensed vocational rehabilitation counselor, or  
7           licensed addiction counselor.