

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

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.