

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 237

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to school counselors; requiring
8 school counselors to implement certain program;
9 requiring school counselors to spend certain
10 percentage of work time on direct services; providing
11 description of direct services; directing school
12 counselors to spend remainder of work time on certain
13 services; providing for promulgation of rules;
14 providing for codification; providing an effective
15 date; and declaring an emergency.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.528 of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. School counselors shall implement a comprehensive
21 developmental school counseling program in the schools at which they
22 are employed. Counselors shall spend at least eighty percent (80%)
23 of their work time providing direct services to students. Direct
24 services shall not include the coordination of standardized testing.

Direct services shall consist of:

1 1. Delivering the school guidance curriculum through large
2 group guidance, interdisciplinary curriculum development, group
3 activities, and parent workshops;

4 2. Guiding individual student planning through individual or
5 small group assistance and individual or small group advisement;

6 3. Providing responsive services through consultation with
7 students, families, and staff; individual and small group
8 counseling; crisis counseling; referrals; and peer facilitation; and

9 4. Performing other student services prescribed by the State
10 Board of Education in its administrative rules.

11 B. During the remainder of their work time, school counselors
12 shall spend adequate time on school counseling program support
13 activities that consist of professional development; consultation,
14 collaboration, and training; and program management operations.

15 School counseling program support activities shall not include the
16 coordination of standardized testing; however, school counselors may
17 assist other staff with the coordination of standardized testing.

18 C. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to
19 implement the provisions of this act.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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