

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 1409

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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
counselors to spend remainder of work time on certain
services; providing for promulgation of rules;
providing for codification; providing an effective
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.559 of Title 70, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. School counselors shall implement a comprehensive
19 developmental school counseling program in the public school
20 districts at which they are employed. Counselors shall spend at
21 least eighty percent (80%) of their work time providing direct
22 services to students. Direct services shall not include the
23 coordination of the statewide student assessment system required by

1 Section 1210.508 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or other
2 standardized testing. Direct services shall consist of:

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

6 2. Guiding individual student planning through individual or
7 small group assistance and individual or small group advisement;

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

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2018.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

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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