
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 956 (File 326, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the State Board of Education (SBE), in collaboration with a state-wide school counselors association, to adopt guidelines for a comprehensive school counseling program by July 1, 2020. The guidelines must ensure that all students have access to a comprehensive school counseling program that provides academic, social-emotional, and post-secondary and career-readiness programming by an adequately trained, certified school counselor.

SBE must make the guidelines available to local and regional boards of education and publish them on the State Department of Education's website.

*Senate Amendment "A" changes the guideline adoption deadline from January 1, 2020, to July 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/15/2019)