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SENATE BILL 17

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

PHILLIP J. MALOOF

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE. --This act may be cited as the "Guidance Counselor Act".

Section 2. PURPOSE OF ACT. --The purpose of the Guidance Counselor Act is to require public school guidance counselors to spend most of their work time at their public school working with the individual student to address academic and personal problems which interfere with student achievement or cause high truancy and drop-out rates.

Section 3. DEFINITIONS. --As used in the Guidance Counselor Act:

A. "guidance counselor" means a guidance counselor

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1 who provides counseling and non-counseling services in public
2 schools;

3 B. "counseling services" means the providing of
4 counsel, advice, direction and assistance to individual students
5 on school and personal matters that affect the student's
6 academic achievement as well as those additional counseling
7 services defined by the local school board; and

8 C. "non-counseling services" are all other services
9 in the public school performed by the guidance counselor which
10 are not counseling services, such as classroom instruction.

11 Section 4. REQUIREMENTS. -- Guidance counselors shall spend
12 eighty percent of their scheduled work time on providing
13 counseling services to students at their public school. Non-
14 counseling services may be performed by guidance counselors
15 during that portion of their scheduled work time not required to
16 be spent on counseling services.

17 Section 5. LOCAL BOARDS AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS. -- Local
18 school boards and school principals in the school district shall
19 oversee and review the work assignments of the guidance
20 counselors employed by their schools to assure compliance with
21 the provisions of the Guidance Counselor Act.

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO NOT PASS, but that
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16 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
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19 DO PASS, and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.
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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 4 For 2 Against

Yes: 4

No: Boitano, Rawson

Excused: Duran, Garcia, Gorham, Pinto

Absent: None

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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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11 HOUSE BILL 17, as amended
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