

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Bill No. 2287, Page 10, Section 161.670, Line 338, by inserting after all of the said
2 section and line the following:

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4 "167.265. 1. A program to provide school counselors in grades kindergarten through nine is
5 established. Any public elementary school, middle school, junior high school, or combination of
6 such schools, containing such grades which meet the criteria pursuant to this section shall be eligible
7 for a state financial supplement to employ a school counselor. Eligibility criteria are: the school
8 shall have a minimum enrollment of one hundred twenty-five pupils per school site, shall have a
9 breakfast program, and shall serve at least forty percent of its lunches to pupils who are eligible for
10 free or reduced price meals according to federal guidelines.

11 2. A school district which contains such eligible schools may apply to the department of
12 elementary and secondary education for a state financial supplement to employ a school counselor
13 in those schools named in the application and in no other schools of the district. The state financial
14 supplement shall not exceed ten thousand dollars per school counselor. No more than one school
15 counselor per school shall be supplemented by the state pursuant to this section, except that a district
16 may apply for an additional school counselor if the enrollment at the school equals four hundred or
17 more pupils. School counselors thus employed pursuant to this section shall at a minimum engage
18 in direct counseling activities with the pupils of the school during a portion of the school day which
19 represents that portion of the school counselor's salary which is supplemented by the state pursuant
20 to this section.

21 3. The state board of education shall promulgate rules and regulations for the
22 implementation of this section. Such rules shall include identifying any qualifications for school
23 counselors which may be in addition to those promulgated pursuant to section 168.021, establishing
24 application procedures for school districts, determining a method of awarding state financial
25 supplements in the event that the number of applications exceeds the amounts appropriated therefor,
26 and establishing an amount of state financial supplement per school counselor based upon the salary
27 schedule of the district.

28 4. (1) Beginning in the 2025-26 school year all public schools in the state shall provide at a
29 minimum of three days of the school week a counselor trained in the trauma informed approach.

30 (2) For purposes of this subsection, the following terms mean:

31 (a) "Trauma-informed approach", an approach that:

32 a. Involves understanding and responding to the symptoms of chronic interpersonal trauma
33 and traumatic stress across the lifespan;

34 b. Realizes the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery;

35 c. Recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in students, teachers, and staff;

36 d. Responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into its policies, procedures, and

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1 practices; and

2 e. Seeks to actively resist retraumatization."; and

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4 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references

5 accordingly.