

A BILL TO MAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE AT LEAST ONE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All public schools within the state of Pennsylvania will be required to have at least one mental health counselor employed.

SECTION 2. A “mental health counselor” is defined as a licensed professional individual who helps people overcome emotional and psychological issues.

SECTION 3. The State Department of Education shall enforce this legislation and see whether public schools should have at least one mental health counselor

a. The State Department of Education would make a timeline for when schools will have to comply.

B. The mental health counselor will be available during school hours.

C. If a school is unable to meet this requirement it will be given no more than two school years to comply.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect in the 2026-2027 school year

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

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