

1 **State of Arkansas**
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4 **By: Representative Wilkins**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1964

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-18-1005 TO
9 DEFINE GUIDANCE SERVICES AND TO PRESCRIBE THE MAXIMUM
10 NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT CAN BE ASSIGNED TO A COUNSELOR IN
11 A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO DEFINE GUIDANCE SERVICES AND PRESCRIBE THE MAXIMUM
15 NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT CAN BE ASSIGNED TO COUNSELORS IN
16 PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1005 is hereby amended to read as
22 follows:

23 "6-18-1005. Student services program defined.

24 (a) A student services program is defined as a coordinated effort
25 which shall include, but is not limited to:

26 (1) Guidance services, which do not include duties requiring the
27 administration or witness of corporal punishment, the administration of
28 psychological examinations, lunch or bus duty, assuming the role of principal,
29 substitute teacher, or school secretary, or other duties that interfere with
30 meeting the needs of students, but shall include:

31 (A) The availability of individual and group counseling to
32 all students;

33 (B) Orientation programs for new students at each level of
34 education and for transferring students;

35 (C) Career planning for students;

- 1 (D) Consultation with parents, faculty, and out-of-school
- 2 agencies concerning student problems and needs;
- 3 (E) Utilization of student records and files;
- 4 (F) Supervision of standardized testing and interpretation
- 5 of results;
- 6 (G) The following-up of early school dropouts and
- 7 graduates;
- 8 (H) A school-initiated system of parental involvement;
- 9 (I) An organized system of informational resources on which
- 10 to base educational and vocational decision-making; and
- 11 (J) Educational and job placement, including advising
- 12 students on the availability of vocational and alternative programs that could
- 13 provide successful high school completing opportunities for students at risk
- 14 of dropping out of school;
- 15 (2) Psychological services, which shall include, but are not
- 16 limited to, the following:
 - 17 (A) Evaluation of students with learning or adjustment
 - 18 problems;
 - 19 (B) Evaluation of students in exceptional-child education
 - 20 programs;
 - 21 (C) Consultation and counseling with parents, students, and
 - 22 school personnel;
 - 23 (D) A system for the early identification of learning
 - 24 potential and factors which affect the child's educational performance;
 - 25 (E) A system of liaison and referrals, with resources
 - 26 available outside the school; and
 - 27 (F) Written policies which assure ethical procedures in
 - 28 psychological activities;
- 29 (3) Visiting teacher and school social work services, which shall
- 30 include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 31 (A) Providing casework to assist in the prevention and
 - 32 remediation of problems of attendance, behavior, adjustment, and learning; and
 - 33 (B) Serving as liaison between the home and school by
 - 34 making home visits and referring students and parents to appropriate school
 - 35 and community agencies for assistance;

1 (4) Occupational and placement services, which shall include, but
2 are not limited to, the dissemination of career education information,
3 placement services, and follow-up studies;

4 (5) Group conflict resolution services, which shall include, but
5 are not limited to, the following:

6 (A) Educational and social programs which help students
7 develop skills enabling them to resolve differences and conflicts between
8 groups; and

9 (B) Programs designed to promote understanding, positive
10 communication, and a greater utilization of a race relations specialist or
11 human relations specialist to assist in the development of intergroup skills;

12 (6) Health services;

13 (7) The distribution of a suicide-prevention public awareness
14 program developed for distribution by the inter-program task force established
15 by the Lieutenant Governor's Teen-age Suicide Prevention Task Force.

16 (b) School counselors shall spend at least seventy-five percent (75%)
17 of work time providing direct counseling related to students, and shall devote
18 no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of work time to administrative
19 activities, provided that such activities relate to the provision of guidance
20 services."

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22 SECTION 2. *Title 6, Chapter 18, Subchapter 10 of the Arkansas Code*
23 *Annotated is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:*

24 *"6-18-1007. A school district that fails to appropriately utilize*
25 *student services as prescribed in this subchapter shall be notified by the*
26 *State Department of Education no later than April 15 that its state*
27 *accreditation status is probationary and that failure to comply before the end*
28 *of the following school year shall result in the loss of state accreditation."*

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30 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
6 hereby repealed.

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