

March 13, 2003

H 463. DUTIES OF SCHOOL COUNSELORS. TO ENSURE THAT SCHOOL COUNSELORS SPEND THEIR TIME PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES TO STUDENTS. Creates new GS 115C-316.1 requiring that beginning in 2004-2005 school year school counselors implement a comprehensive school counseling program in their schools and spend 80% of their work time providing direct services to students, including dissemination of the school guidance curriculum, individual student planning, and delivery of responsive services. Further requires that each local board of education develop a transition plan for implementation of the act prior to 2004-2005 school year and that the State Board of Education shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on implementation.

Intro. by Bell.

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April 28, 2003

H 463. UPDATE SCH COUNSELOR JOB DESCRIPTION (NEW). Intro. 3/13/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition:(1) Directs the State Board of Education to update and clarify the job description for public school counselors; and (2) Requires board to involve currently employed guidance counselors recommended by the N.C. School Counselors Ass'n and school administrators. Provides that those chosen reflect the different levels of elementary, middle school, and high school and the diversity of local school administrative units. Directs the board to report changes to the job description and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.