

HB 96-FN-A - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***96-FN-A***

AN ACT establishing the office of school counseling and psychology, establishing the position of school counselor coordinator, and making an appropriation therefor.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cornell, Hills. 18; Rep. Mullen, Hills. 7; Rep. Ellison, Merr. 27; Rep. Woodcock, Carr. 2; Rep. Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Rep. Heath, Hills. 14

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the office of school counseling and psychology in the division of learner support, department of education. This bill also establishes the position of school counselor coordinator in the office of school counseling and psychology and makes an appropriation therefor.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Department of Education; Office of School Counseling and Psychology
2 Established; New Position; School Counselor Coordinator. Amend RSA 21-N by inserting after
3 section 6-a the following new section:

4 21-N:6-b Office of School Counseling and Psychology; School Counselor Coordinator.

5 I. There is established in the division of learner support, department of education, the office
6 of school counseling and psychology.

7 II. There is established within the office of school counseling and psychology the position of
8 school counselor coordinator who shall be a classified employee. The school counselor coordinator
9 shall be certified as a school guidance counselor or school psychologist by the state board of
10 education and shall be qualified to hold such position by reason of education and experience. The
11 position shall be subject to any other employment requirements as determined by the department.
12 The school counselor coordinator shall coordinate and provide assistance to guidance counselors,
13 career counselors, school psychologists, and school social workers. The school counselor coordinator
14 shall assist schools and districts in developing counseling programs and shall work with school
15 counselors, the bureau of career development, representatives of postsecondary education, and New
16 Hampshire's workforce business leaders to better provide students with an awareness of career
17 pathway opportunities and career readiness training needed in the 21st century workplace.

18 2 Appropriation. The sum of \$118,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and the sum of
19 \$119,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 are hereby appropriated to the department of
20 education, division of learner support, for the position of school counselor coordinator established in
21 RSA 21-N:6-b. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sums out of any money in the
22 treasury not otherwise appropriated.

23 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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**HB 96-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: State County Local None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Appropriation	\$0	\$118,000	\$119,000	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$118,000	\$119,000	\$123,000
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

METHODOLOGY:

This bill establishes the office of school counseling and psychology, establishes the position of school counselor coordinator, and appropriates \$118,000 in FY 2022 and \$119,000 in FY 2023 to the Department of Education for the purpose of this bill. The Department anticipates this position would be established as a classified labor grade 27 (step 5). Assuming a start date of July 1, 2021, salary and benefit costs are estimated to be approximately \$101,000 in FY 2022, \$102,000 in FY 2023, and \$106,000 in FY 2023. In addition, the Department estimates approximately \$17,000 per year in additional expenses (supplies, equipment, etc...).

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Education