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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the preparation and licensure requirements for  
2 elementary or secondary school counseling.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 262.9, Code 1999, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 30. Adopt rules prescribing that each  
4 institution of higher learning under its control which  
5 provides graduate practitioner preparation programs requires  
6 not more than thirty-six semester hours, or the trimester or  
7 quarter equivalent, for a graduate degree leading to an  
8 elementary or secondary counselor endorsement.

9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 272.32 ALTERNATIVE COUNSELING  
10 LICENSE.

11 The board shall adopt rules not later than January 1, 2000,  
12 to allow a person licensed to practice psychology pursuant to  
13 chapter 154B, a licensed social worker pursuant to chapter  
14 154C, a licensed marital and family therapist pursuant to  
15 chapter 154D, or a licensed mental health counselor pursuant  
16 to chapter 154D, or a person who is licensed by a comparable  
17 examining board in another state that has entered into  
18 reciprocal relations with this state, to be licensed by the  
19 board for the purposes of counseling students in an accredited  
20 school or school district without further educational  
21 qualifications, except as provided in section 272.6. The  
22 rules shall provide for the recognition of the individual's  
23 professional license issued by a professional licensing board  
24 other than the board of educational examiners, and shall  
25 require an individual who receives an alternative counseling  
26 license pursuant to this section to comply with the code of  
27 professional rights and responsibilities, practice, and ethics  
28 established by the board pursuant to section 272.2, subsection  
29 1. The board shall not require the individual to complete or  
30 to have completed a practitioner preparation program in order  
31 to receive a license under this section.

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill directs the state board of regents to adopt rules  
34 prescribing that all institutions of higher learning under its  
35 control, which are providing graduate practitioner preparation

1 programs, require not more than 36 semester hours for a  
2 graduate degree leading to an elementary or secondary  
3 counselor endorsement.

4 The bill also directs the board of educational examiners to  
5 adopt rules to allow a person licensed to practice psychology,  
6 a licensed social worker, a licensed marital and family  
7 therapist, or a licensed mental health counselor, or a person  
8 who is licensed by a comparable examining board in another  
9 state that has entered into reciprocal relations with this  
10 state, to be licensed by the board for the purposes of  
11 counseling students in a school or school district without  
12 meeting any further educational qualifications. The rules  
13 must require an individual who receives an alternative  
14 counseling license to comply with the code of professional  
15 rights and responsibilities, practice, and ethics established  
16 by the board for other licensees. The board shall not require  
17 the individual to complete or to have completed a practitioner  
18 preparation program in order to receive an alternative license  
19 to counsel students.

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