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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to school guidance counselors and professional  
2 service providers, including professional service and  
3 secondary guidance counselor preparation and professional  
4 development programs, related licensing and endorsement  
5 requirements under the board of educational examiners, and  
6 the provision of career and academic guidance counseling  
7 services by school districts.

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

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code Supplement 2011, is amended  
2 by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 62. *a.* Collaborate with, at a minimum,  
4 the board of educational examiners; the Iowa association of  
5 community college trustees; the association of Iowa area  
6 education agencies; the Iowa school counselor association; the  
7 economic development authority; the department of workforce  
8 development; the governor's science, technology, engineering,  
9 and mathematics advisory council; and students recommended by  
10 the Iowa jobs for America's graduates program; or successor  
11 entities, to develop standards and procedures for the approval  
12 of professional service and secondary guidance counselor  
13 preparation and professional development programs that, upon  
14 approval by the department, academic institutions which grant  
15 postgraduate degrees may offer to persons seeking authorization  
16 by the board of educational examiners to serve as secondary  
17 school guidance counselors or to provide professional services  
18 in Iowa schools.

19 *b.* Community colleges, the economic development authority,  
20 and the department of workforce development shall consult  
21 and coordinate with employment and workplace stakeholders in  
22 assisting the director in developing standards and procedures  
23 for the approval of programs pursuant to this subsection.

24 *c.* Postsecondary institutions that offer programs approved  
25 pursuant to this subsection shall coordinate with community  
26 colleges to ensure that the professional development programs  
27 approved under this subsection are offered throughout the state  
28 at convenient times.

29 *d.* The requirements for coursework and programs approved  
30 pursuant to this subsection shall include but not be limited  
31 to the following:

32 (1) Provision of information regarding career exploration,  
33 planning, and development assistance; and opportunities  
34 available to Iowa's students from targeted industries as  
35 defined in section 15.411, subsection 1, as well as industries

1 requiring skilled workers with educational backgrounds in  
2 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics.

3 (2) One semester credit or the equivalent issued by a  
4 community college in Iowa for coursework or professional  
5 development in career exploration, career education, and  
6 career planning which shall be offered by community colleges  
7 at the resident tuition rate set pursuant to section 260C.14,  
8 subsection 2, to students enrolled in approved professional  
9 service and guidance counselor preparation programs and to  
10 persons renewing their professional service or secondary  
11 guidance counselor licenses or endorsements pursuant to section  
12 272.9B. Each community college shall offer this coursework by  
13 July 1, 2013, unless there is no demand for the coursework. If  
14 a community college fails to offer coursework or professional  
15 development in career exploration, career education, and career  
16 planning by July 1, 2013, the provisions of section 272.9B  
17 shall not apply to an applicant described in that section who  
18 resides within the boundaries of the community college and  
19 who is employed by an Iowa school as a secondary guidance  
20 counselor, until July 1, 2014, or until twelve months following  
21 the date upon which the coursework is made available by the  
22 community college, whichever is later.

23 e. The director shall establish an application and review  
24 process for approval of programs developed and implemented  
25 pursuant to this subsection.

26 f. For purposes of this subsection, "*professional service*"  
27 refers to preparation and professional development programs  
28 for, and licensure and endorsement of, persons who are  
29 authorized under chapter 272 to provide services in Iowa  
30 schools as a school counselor.

31 **Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 272.9B Professional service and**  
32 **guidance counselor licenses.**

33 Beginning July 1, 2014, except as provided in section  
34 256.9, subsection 62, paragraph "d", the board shall require  
35 applicants for professional service and secondary guidance

1 counselor licenses and endorsements, and for the renewal of  
2 such licenses and endorsements, to have successfully completed  
3 a professional service or secondary guidance counselor  
4 preparation program or professional development program,  
5 as appropriate, approved in accordance with section 256.9,  
6 subsection 62.

7 Sec. 3. Section 279.61, Code 2011, is amended by adding the  
8 following new subsection:

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Beginning July 1, 2015, except as  
10 otherwise provided in section 256.9, subsection 62, paragraph  
11 "d", career and academic guidance counseling services shall  
12 be provided by the board of directors of a school district  
13 to students enrolled in grades nine through twelve only by  
14 persons issued professional service or secondary guidance  
15 counselor licenses or endorsements pursuant to section 272.9B,  
16 or who hold a license issued by the board and meet the renewal  
17 requirements for a license pursuant to section 272.9B.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides for the development of standards and  
20 an approval process for professional service and secondary  
21 guidance counselor preparation and professional development  
22 programs, requires the board of educational examiners to  
23 establish related licensing and endorsement requirements, and  
24 requires, beginning July 1, 2015, that career and academic  
25 guidance counseling services provided by school districts to  
26 students enrolled in grades nine through 12 be provided only  
27 by persons issued professional service or secondary guidance  
28 counselor licenses or endorsements by the board of educational  
29 examiners, persons who hold a license issued by the board and  
30 who meet the renewal requirements for a license issued pursuant  
31 to the requirements established in accordance with the bill.

32 The bill directs the director of the department of  
33 education to collaborate with a number of entities to develop  
34 requirements for professional service and secondary guidance  
35 counselor preparation and professional development programs

1 that academic institutions which grant postgraduate degrees may  
2 offer, upon approval, to persons seeking authorization by the  
3 board of educational examiners to serve as school counselors or  
4 as secondary school guidance counselors.

5 The entities the director must collaborate with include  
6 the board of educational examiners; the Iowa association of  
7 community college trustees; the association of Iowa area  
8 education agencies; the Iowa school counselor association; the  
9 economic development authority; the department of workforce  
10 development; the governor's science, technology, engineering,  
11 and mathematics advisory council; and students recommended by  
12 the Iowa jobs for America's graduates program; or successor  
13 entities. Employment and workplace stakeholders must be  
14 consulted in developing requirements for the programs.

15 Institutions that offer approved programs must coordinate  
16 with community colleges to ensure that the professional  
17 development programs are offered throughout the state at  
18 convenient times.

19 The requirements for coursework and programs must include  
20 but not be limited to the provision of information regarding  
21 career exploration, planning, and development assistance,  
22 and opportunities available to Iowa's students from targeted  
23 industries, as well as industries requiring skilled workers  
24 with educational backgrounds in science, technology,  
25 engineering, or mathematics; and one semester credit or  
26 the equivalent issued by a community college for coursework  
27 or professional development in career exploration, career  
28 education, and career planning. The credit must be offered  
29 by the community colleges at the resident tuition rate to  
30 students enrolled in approved programs and to persons renewing  
31 their professional service or secondary guidance counselor  
32 licenses or endorsements. Each community college must offer  
33 this coursework not later than July 1, 2013, unless there is  
34 no demand for the coursework.

35 Beginning July 1, 2014, applicants for professional service

1 and secondary guidance counselor licenses and endorsements  
2 shall have successfully completed an approved professional  
3 service preparation program, an approved secondary guidance  
4 counselor preparation program or, for those renewing such a  
5 license or endorsement, an approved professional development  
6 program, and shall have the credit issued by a community  
7 college for coursework in career exploration, career education,  
8 and career planning.

9     The bill allows an applicant additional time to meet the  
10 requirement to have successfully completed a preparation  
11 program in order to be licensed or employed as a school  
12 counselor if their community college fails to offer the  
13 necessary coursework.