

House File 322 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a task force on professional school
2 counselor program requirements.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. TASK FORCE ON K-12 PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR
2 REQUIREMENTS.

3 1. A task force on K-12 professional school counselor
4 requirements is established for purposes of developing for
5 approved practitioner preparation programs and for purposes
6 of licensure and endorsement by the board of educational
7 examiners, coursework relating to career and technical
8 counseling for K-12 students that an applicant must have
9 successfully completed in order to achieve a counselor license
10 or a professional school counselor endorsement from the board.
11 The university of northern Iowa shall provide administrative
12 support for the task force.

13 2. The task force shall consist of the following members:

14 a. Three persons representing the university of northern
15 Iowa, including the following:

16 (1) The dean of the college of education.

17 (2) The dean of the college of social and behavioral
18 sciences.

19 (3) The dean of continuing education and special programs.

20 b. Three persons appointed by the Iowa association of
21 community college trustees.

22 c. Two persons appointed by the director of the department
23 of education.

24 d. Two persons appointed by the executive director of the
25 board of educational examiners.

26 e. One person appointed by the Iowa school counselor
27 association.

28 3. The task force shall review best practices and
29 curricula developed to prepare a person who is enrolled in a
30 school counselor program offered by an approved practitioner
31 preparation program to assist a K-12 student in determining
32 the student's areas of interests and aptitudes and expanding a
33 K-12 student's career, college, and occupational options. The
34 task force shall also identify coursework requirements that
35 a student enrolled in an approved practitioner preparation

1 program could fulfill at a community college in this state.

2 4. The task force shall submit its findings and
3 recommendations to the governor and the general assembly by
4 January 15, 2016.

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EXPLANATION

6 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
7 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

8 This bill establishes a task force on K-12 professional
9 school counselor requirements for purposes of developing for
10 practitioner preparation programs and for purposes of licensure
11 and endorsement by the board of educational examiners,
12 coursework relating to career and technical counseling for K-12
13 students that an applicant must have successfully completed in
14 order to achieve a professional school counselor endorsement
15 from the board. The university of northern Iowa shall provide
16 administrative support for the task force. The task force
17 shall also identify coursework requirements that a student
18 enrolled in an approved practitioner preparation program could
19 fulfill at a community college in this state.

20 The 11-member task force shall consist of three persons
21 representing the university of northern Iowa, including the
22 deans of the colleges of education, social and behavioral
23 sciences, and continuing education and special programs;
24 three persons appointed by the Iowa association of community
25 college trustees; two persons appointed by the director of the
26 department of education; two persons appointed by the executive
27 director of the board of educational examiners; and one person
28 appointed by the Iowa school counselor association.

29 The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations
30 to the governor and the general assembly by January 15, 2016.