

HB 2224 General.

The school districts currently have programs that address the needs for support of social, emotional, mental and physical needs of students. What additional financial and in school staff support do the current programs need.

Teachers must deal with the behavior of students in the classroom to maintain a learning environment. In the past each school had counselors where teacher would refer the student and eliminate the disruptive behavior.

Why have school districts reduce or eliminate the positions for counselors and was it budget driven.

Yes, this student population needs support. However; the lack of counselors has a negative impact on the classroom both the students and teachers. Teachers keep the same focus on the quality of education however; it creates an emotional drain on the teacher. Dealing with negative behavior has more of an impact than the student/teacher ratio.

Without in building counselors, how will quality evaluations be made, when each class has its own dynamic.

If school districts have reduced or eliminated in school counselors, what is the financial impact of PERS.

Does PERS affect the new Student Social and Emotional Health and Development Account?

Respectfully submitted.

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