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Re: Opposition to HB 2876-1 (Coordinated Comprehensive School Counseling Program)

My opposition to this bill is, that by allowing others who have not been through a comprehensive school counseling program you are doing a disservice to school employees and students.

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 2876-1. . General mental health professionals have not had the important training that is needed to work in this arena. They have no background in providing a comprehensive school counseling program, and are not aware of the ASCA guidelines. It is important that the School counselors be trained in effective school interventions. There is more to school counseling than just counseling, it includes many domains such as School guidance, individual student planning, responsive services and support system.

I oppose HB 2876 because: it does not provide the best service to students, it allows people who have not been trained to deal with the special circumstance of the school system to work within the schools. Please protect our students, school employees and school counselors by opposition of this bill.

I urge you to oppose HB 2876-1.

Sincerely,

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