

Requested by Representative HERNANDEZ

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2441**

1 Delete lines 5 through 31 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) Each school district must provide a coordinated**
3 **comprehensive school counseling program to support the academic,**
4 **career, personal and social development of each student and to develop**
5 **the sense of community involvement for each student.**

6 **“(2)(a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection, a**
7 **coordinated comprehensive school counseling program must be imple-**
8 **mented by a person who is licensed by the Teacher Standards and**
9 **Practices Commission as a school counselor.**

10 **“(b) A coordinated comprehensive school counseling program may**
11 **be implemented by a person who is licensed by the commission as a**
12 **school social worker, or by any combination of persons licensed by the**
13 **commission who are competent to implement the program, if:**

14 **“(A) The person or combination of persons implement the program**
15 **only for students in grade eight or below; or**

16 **“(B) The school district is unable to employ a licensed school**
17 **counselor after making reasonable efforts to employ a licensed school**
18 **counselor because of lack of availability of licensed school counselors**
19 **in the area served by the school district.**

20 **“(3) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule standards for**
21 **coordinated comprehensive school counseling programs. When adopt-**

1 **ing rules, the board shall:**

2 **“(a) Collaborate with the commission to ensure that the standards**
3 **are as inclusive as possible for the purpose of determining who can**
4 **implement a coordinated comprehensive school counseling program**
5 **while ensuring that the purposes and quality of the program are**
6 **maintained.**

7 **“(b) Provide flexibility in who can implement a coordinated com-**
8 **prehensive school counseling program, in recognition of resources that**
9 **may be limited in some school districts.**

10 **“(c) Annually review the standards to ensure that any necessary**
11 **adjustments are made in a timely manner to increase the inclusivity**
12 **of qualified persons who may implement a coordinated comprehensive**
13 **school counseling program.**

14 **“(4) For the purpose of increasing the inclusivity of qualified per-**
15 **sons who may implement a coordinated comprehensive school coun-**
16 **seling program, the commission shall coordinate with:**

17 **“(a) Educator preparation providers; and**

18 **“(b) Providers of other educational programs that would be relevant**
19 **to a coordinated comprehensive school counseling program imple-**
20 **mented under this section.”.**

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