STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

SENATE BILL NO. 35 By: Dossett

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to school counselors; allowing school counselors to implement certain program; allowing school counselors to spend certain percentage of work time on direct services; providing description of direct services; directing school counselors to spend remainder of work time on certain services; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.559 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. School counselors may implement a comprehensive developmental school counseling program in the public school districts at which they are employed. Counselors may spend at least eighty percent (80%) of their work time providing direct services to students. Direct services shall not include the coordination of the statewide student assessment system required by Section 1210.508 of
Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes or other standardized testing. Direct services shall consist of:

1. Delivering the school district guidance curriculum through large group guidance, interdisciplinary curriculum development, group activities and parent workshops;

2. Guiding individual student planning through individual or small group assistance and individual or small group advisement;

3. Providing responsive services through consultation with students, families and staff, individual and small group counseling, crisis counseling, referrals, and peer facilitation; and

4. Performing other student services prescribed by the State Board of Education in its administrative rules.

B. During the remainder of their work time, school counselors shall spend adequate time on school counseling program support activities that consist of professional development, consultation, collaboration and training, and program management operations. School counseling program support activities shall not include the coordination of standardized testing; however, school counselors may assist other staff with the coordination of standardized testing.

C. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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