

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2980</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>9501</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Rep. Albright</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Permissive language; If fully implemented: \$57.4 million</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2980, as introduced, authorizes school counseling services be provided by school counselors, and defines what those services may be.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

It has been determined that in order to meet the nationally recommended 250:1 student to counselor ratio, the state will need an additional 1,100 school counselors. With an average salary cost of approximately \$52,000, the anticipated impact is estimated at \$57.4 million. The State Department of Education has outlined a plan that would phase this in over three years at a cost of roughly \$19.1 million each year. School districts may also incur some additional costs relating to training on specific topics for counselors as well.

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**Other Considerations**

None.