

Interim Charge 1[D]: Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including HB 19, which places non-physician mental health professionals at education service centers to provide resources for educators and administrators in school districts and charter schools.

While more resources are always appreciated, it is important to make sure that supports for counselors across the state are comprehensive and coordinated. Resources for counselors in Texas school districts are spread across multiple departments at the state and the regional level, including College, Career and Military Readiness (CCMR), Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), 60X30TX, student mental health, school safety, graduation, registration, etc. However, on campuses, all of those programs are housed in one department.

The most helpful thing the state could do is create a task force to evaluate the roles and responsibilities of counselors to ensure state resources and positions created to provide counselors with assistance will be able to better support a comprehensive school counseling program.