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H.B. No. 103

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the duties of a public school counselor.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Sections 33.006(a) and (b), Education Code, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) The primary responsibility of a school counselor is to
7 counsel students to fully develop each student's academic, career,
8 and personal~~[, and social]~~ abilities.

9 (b) In addition to a school counselor's responsibility
10 under Subsection (a), the school counselor shall:

11 (1) participate in planning, implementing, and
12 evaluating a comprehensive developmental school counseling
13 ~~[guidance]~~ program to serve all students and to address the special
14 needs of students:

15 (A) who are at risk of dropping out of school,
16 becoming substance abusers, participating in gang activity, or
17 committing suicide;

18 (B) who are at risk of:

19 (i) choosing an unhealthy or inappropriate
20 solution to a problem; or

21 (ii) engaging in harmful behavior toward
22 the student's self or others;

23 (C) who are in need of modified instructional
24 strategies; or

1 (D) [~~(C)~~] who are gifted and talented, with
2 emphasis on identifying and serving gifted and talented students
3 who are educationally disadvantaged;

4 (2) consult with a student's parent or guardian and
5 make referrals as appropriate in consultation with the student's
6 parent or guardian;

7 (3) consult with school staff, parents, and other
8 community members to help them increase the effectiveness of
9 student education and promote student success;

10 (4) coordinate people and resources in the school,
11 home, and community;

12 (5) with the assistance of school staff, interpret
13 standardized test results and other assessment data that help a
14 student make educational and career plans;

15 (6) deliver classroom guidance activities or serve as
16 a consultant to teachers conducting lessons based on the school's
17 guidance curriculum; and

18 (7) serve as an impartial, nonreporting resource for
19 interpersonal conflicts and discord involving two or more students,
20 including accusations of bullying under Section [37.0832](#).

21 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2024-2025
22 school year.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the

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1 legislative session.