

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2441

1 AN ACT TO DEFINE THE COMPREHENSIVE COUNSELING SERVICES TO BE
2 PROVIDED BY SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year,
5 the assignment of K-12 school guidance counselors to the
6 particular schools within the district shall be at the discretion
7 of the local school board with the following restrictions:

8 (a) No individual shall be employed as a school
9 guidance counselor without a minimum of a Master's Degree in
10 Guidance and Counseling as determined by the State Department of
11 Education; and

12 (b) School guidance counselors shall be full time and
13 shall provide the following comprehensive counseling services:

- 14 (i) Academic and personal/social counseling;
- 15 (ii) Student assessment and assessment counseling;
- 16 (iii) Career and educational counseling;
- 17 (iv) Individual and group counseling

18 (large/small);

19 (v) Crisis intervention and preventive counseling;

20 (vi) Referrals to community agencies;

21 (vii) Educational consultations and collaboration

22 with teachers, administrators, parents and community leaders;

23 (viii) Educational and career placement services;

24 (ix) Follow-up counseling services; and

25 (x) Conflict resolution.

26 (2) School guidance counselors shall abide by the American

27 School Counselor Association Code of Ethics.



28 (3) The State Department of Education may adopt regulations
29 regarding the activities of the school guidance counselor as are
30 not inconsistent with this section.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2002.

