

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2441: School guidance counselors; define authorized program activities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- 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, or in an emergency situation, an
11 appropriate certification as determined by the Commission on
12 Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure
13 and Development; and
- 14 (b) School guidance counselors shall provide the
15 following comprehensive counseling services:
- 16 (i) Academic and personal/social counseling;
17 (ii) Student assessment and assessment counseling;
18 (iii) Career and educational counseling;
19 (iv) Individual and group counseling
20 (large/small);
- 21 (v) Crisis intervention and preventive counseling;
22 (vi) Referrals to community agencies;
23 (vii) Educational consultations and collaboration
24 with teachers, administrators, parents and community leaders;
25 (viii) Educational and career placement services;

26 (ix) Follow-up counseling services;
27 (x) Conflict resolution; and
28 (xi) Other counseling duties or other duties as
29 assigned by the school principal.

30 (2) School guidance counselors shall abide by the American
31 School Counselor Association Code of Ethics.

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

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

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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

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