

**COUNSELORS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS****TASK FORCE**

1999 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Susan J. Koehn**

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; CREATING THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELORS TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE TASK FORCE; PROVIDING A REPORTING DATE; APPROPRIATING \$29,500 FROM THE GENERAL FUND; AND PROVIDING A REPEAL DATE.

This act enacts uncodified material.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

**Section 1. Elementary School Counselors Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Interim rules followed -- Compensation -- Staff.**

(1) There is created the Elementary School Counselors Task Force consisting of the following eight members:

(a) three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party; and

(b) five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than three of whom may be from the same political party.

(2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

(3) In conducting its business, the task force shall comply with the rules of legislative interim committees.

(4) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force shall be paid in accordance with

Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rule 15.03.

(5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force.

Section 2. **Duties -- Interim report.**

(1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

(a) the need for and use of counselors in the state's public elementary schools, to include:

(i) academic, family, and socialization issues as related to students; and

(ii) the scope of counselor relationships with students, parents of students, and other school personnel; and

(b) a funding source or mechanism that would allow an adequate number of counselors to be placed in the state's elementary schools.

(2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the Education Interim Committee before November 30, 1999.

Section 3. **Appropriation.**

Except as provided in H.B. 4, Appropriations Coordination Act, there is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 1998-99:

(1) \$3,500 to the Senate to pay for the compensation and expenses of senators on the task force;

(2) \$6,000 to the House of Representatives to pay for the compensation and expenses of representatives on the task force; and

(3) \$20,000 to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to pay for staffing the task force.

Section 4. **Repeal date.**

This act is repealed November 30, 1999.

---

---

**Legislative Review Note**

**as of 12-29-98 2:17 PM**

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**