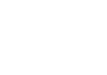
#### Representative Steve Eliason proposes the following substitute bill:

	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM
	2017 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	<b>Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason</b>
	Senate Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson
LO	NG TITLE
Ge	neral Description:
	This bill creates the Elementary School Counselor Program.
Hig	ghlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	<ul> <li>defines terms;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>creates the Elementary School Counselor Program;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>authorizes the State Board of Education to award grants to qualified local education</li> </ul>
age	encies to employ licensed school counselors; and
	<ul> <li>requires a local education agency that receives a grant to make an annual report to</li> </ul>
the	State Board of Education.
Mo	oney Appropriated in this Bill:
	This bill appropriates:
	<ul> <li>to the State Board of Education Minimum School Program Related to Basic</li> </ul>
Sch	nool Program, an ongoing appropriation:
	• from the Education Fund, \$1,000,000.
Otl	her Special Clauses:
	This bill provides a special effective date.
Uta	ah Code Sections Affected:



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26	ENACTS:
27	53A-1-415, Utah Code Annotated 1953
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29	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
30	Section 1. Section <b>53A-1-415</b> is enacted to read:
31	53A-1-415. Elementary School Counselor Program.
32	(1) As used in this section:
33	(a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.
34	(b) "College and career counseling" means the same as that term is defined in Section
35	<u>53A-15-1601.</u>
36	(c) "Intergenerational poverty" means the same as that term is defined in Section
37	<u>35A-9-102.</u>
38	(d) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means a school district or charter school.
39	(e) "Program" means the Elementary School Counselor Program created in this section.
40	(f) "Qualified LEA" means an LEA that:
41	(i) serves students in any one or all of grades kindergarten through grade 6; and
42	(ii) (A) does not employ a licensed school counselor at the school for which the LEA
43	plans to employ the licensed school counselor at the time of application for a grant to the
44	board; or
45	(B) already employs at the time of grant application a licensed school counselor at the
46	school for which the LEA plans to employ an additional licensed counselor through grant
47	funds, the already employed licensed counselor serves two or more schools within the LEA,
48	and the LEA intends through grant funds to hire an additional licensed counselor to reduce
49	workload.
50	(2) There is created the Elementary School Counselor Program, a grant program for
51	LEAs to improve student emotional and social support through access to licensed school
52	counselors.
53	(3) The board shall:
54	(a) subject to legislative appropriations and Subsection (4), award a grant to a qualified
55	LEA to employ a licensed school counselor; and
56	(b) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,

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57	make rules specifying:
58	(i) procedures for applying for and awarding grants under this section, including the
59	duration of a grant;
60	(ii) qualifying professional licenses for a school counselor employed in whole or in part
61	by a grant; and
62	(iii) annual reporting requirements for grantees in accordance with Subsection (7).
63	(4) The board shall award a grant to a qualified LEA giving first priority to a qualified
64	LEA with a high percentage, as determined by board rule under Subsection (3), of students
65	experiencing intergenerational poverty.
66	(5) (a) A qualified LEA shall provide local funds to match grant funds received under
67	this section to pay a licensed school counselor's salary.
68	(b) A qualified LEA may not use grant funds to fund a previously existing position.
69	(6) A licensed school counselor employed in whole or in part through a grant described
70	in this section:
71	(a) shall provide emotional and social support to students;
72	(b) may provide college and career readiness counseling; and
73	(c) may not at any one time serve more than two schools in a school district.
74	(7) A qualified LEA that receives a grant under this section shall include in an annual
75	report to the board:
76	(a) (i) measurable goals on improving student emotional and social support;
77	(ii) how the qualified LEA, through employment of a licensed school counselor and
78	other means, intends to meet those goals; and
79	(iii) whether the qualified LEA, after employing a licensed school counselor, has met
80	those goals; and
81	(b) if the qualified LEA decides to discontinue the licensed school counselor position,
82	the qualified LEA's reason for discontinuing the position.
83	Section 2. Appropriation.
84	The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
85	2017, and ending June 30, 2018. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
86	fiscal year 2018. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
87	Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts

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88	indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.
89	To State Board of Education Minimum School Program Related to Basic Program
90	From Education Fund, Ongoing \$1,000,000
91	Schedule of Programs:
92	Elementary School Counselor Program \$1,000,000
93	The Legislature intends that the State Board of Education use the appropriation to the
94	State Board of Education under this section to award at least 25 grants to qualified LEAs as
95	part of the grant program described in Section 53A-1-415.
96	Section 3. Effective date.
97	This bill takes effect on July 1, 2017.