

1st Sub. H.B. 223

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Representative **Steve Eliason** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 14 through 16:*

- 14 ▶ authorizes the State Board of Education to award grants to qualified local education
15 agencies to employ licensed school counselors or licensed clinical social workers ; and
16 ▶ requires a local education agency that receives a grant to make an annual report to

2. *Page 2, Lines 41 through 49:*

- 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 or licensed clinical social worker at the
43 school for which the LEA
44 plans to employ the licensed school counselor or licensed clinical social worker at the time of
45 application for a grant to the
46 board; or
47 (B) already employs at the time of grant application a licensed school counselor or licensed clinical
48 social worker at the
49 school for which the LEA plans to employ an additional licensed counselor or licensed clinical social
50 worker through grant
51 funds, the already employed licensed counselor or licensed clinical social worker serves two or more
52 schools within the LEA,
53 and the LEA intends through grant funds to hire an additional licensed counselor or licensed clinical social
54 worker to reduce
55 workload.

3. *Page 2, Lines 50 through 56:*

- 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 or licensed clinical social workers .
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 or licensed clinical social worker ; and
56 (b) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,

4. Page 3, Lines 59 through 60:

59 duration of a grant;

60 (ii) qualifying professional licenses for a school counselor **or licensed clinical social worker**
employed in whole or in part

5. Page 3, Lines 66 through 70:

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 **or licensed clinical social worker's** salary.

68 (b) A qualified LEA may not use grant funds to fund a previously existing position.

69 (6) A licensed school counselor **or licensed clinical social worker** employed in whole or in part
70 through a grant described
in this section:

6. Page 3, Lines 76 through 82:

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 **or licensed clinical**
social worker and

78 other means, intends to meet those goals; and

79 (iii) whether the qualified LEA, after employing a licensed school counselor **or licensed clinical**
social worker , has met

80 those goals; and

81 (b) if the qualified LEA decides to discontinue the licensed school counselor **or licensed clinical**
social worker position,

82 the qualified LEA's reason for discontinuing the position.