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HOUSE BILL 354

Short Title: Student Services Staffing Goals.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Easterling; Barnhill, Colton, Cummings, Cunningham, Gardner, Gottovi, Lemmond, and McAllister.

Referred to: Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STAFFING GOALS FOR STUDENT SERVICES
3 PROFESSIONALS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
6 section to read:

7 "**§ 115C-81.2. Staffing goals for student services professionals.**

8 (a) It is the goal of the State to provide student services professionals in the
9 public schools according to the following staff-to-student ratios:

10 (1) One school counselor for every 400 students;

11 (2) One school psychologist for every 2,000 students;

12 (3) One school social worker for every 2,500 students; and

13 (4) One school nurse for every 3,000 students.

14 (b) The classifications of school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and
15 nurses shall receive high priority in the continued implementation of the Basic
16 Education Program and any other State-funded initiatives that can support personnel in
17 these classifications.

18 (c) The Department of Public Instruction shall monitor the use of funds allotted
19 for school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and nurses to determine how the
20 funds are being used."

21 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.