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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill establishes a maximum student to counselor ratio beginning with the 2016-17 school year. The bill sets the ratio at not more than 400 students for each licensed school counselor and provides an unspecified amount of aid per licensed school counselor to each school.

Section

- 1 Licensed school counselors.** Requires a school district to provide adequate counseling services for its students through licensed school counselors. Allows a school district to directly employ school counselors or contract for their services. Sets a maximum student to counselor ratio of not more than 400 students to each licensed school counselor for fiscal years 2017 and later. Measures the ratio over a five year period and allows some year to year variations in the ratio. Creates a school counseling aid formula equal to an unspecified allowance multiplied by the number of school counselors in the district.
- 2 School counselors; appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the general fund to the commissioner of education for payment of school counseling aid for fiscal year 2017.