



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 956**

January Session, 2019



**AN ACT CONCERNING GUIDELINES FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Not later than January 1,  
2 2020, the State Board of Education, in collaboration with a state-wide  
3 association that represents school counselors, shall adopt guidelines  
4 for a comprehensive school counseling program. Such guidelines shall  
5 ensure that all students have access to a comprehensive school  
6 counseling program that provides academic, social-emotional and  
7 post-secondary and career readiness programming by a certified  
8 school counselor with adequate training. The state board shall make  
9 the guidelines available to local and regional boards of education and  
10 published on the Internet web site of the Department of Education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

The title was changed to accurately reflect the contents of the bill and in Section 1, "the Connecticut School Counselor Association" was replaced with "a state-wide association that represents school counselors" for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

**ED** Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO