

2SHB 1377 - S AMD TO WM COMM AMD (S-5772.1/18) 823
By Senator Bailey

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1 On page 6, after line 6 of the amendment, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) Every public school must employ at least one mental health
5 counselor in order to allow students reasonable access to a mental
6 health counselor as needed. Mental health counselors must work on-
7 site at schools to increase their visibility and to encourage
8 communication between the students and the mental health counselor.
9 Mental health counselors may, as appropriate, observe classrooms upon
10 request by a teacher or student. Teachers or students may make this
11 request anonymously.

12 (2) Mental health counselors must be licensed by the state under
13 chapter 18.225 RCW and may only work within the scope of their
14 license."

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15 On page 6, line 9 of the title amendment, after "28A.410 RCW;"
16 insert "adding a new section to chapter 28A.210 RCW;"

EFFECT: Adds a section that requires every public school to
employ at least one mental health counselor.

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