



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB0826

by Rep. Camille Y. Lilly

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new

105 ILCS 5/14-1.09a

105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new

from Ch. 122, par. 14-1.09a

Amends the School Code. Provides that it is the power of a school board to hire school social workers. Sets forth qualifications to use the title of "school social worker". Provides that school districts may employ a sufficient number of school social workers to address the needs of their students and schools and may maintain the nationally recommended student-to-school social worker ration of 250 to 1. Prohibits school social workers from providing services outside their employment to any student in the district or districts that employ the school social worker. Makes conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 14-1.09a and by adding Sections 10-20.60 and 34-18.53 as
6 follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.60 new)

8 Sec. 10-20.60. School social worker. A school board may
9 employ school social workers who have graduated with a master's
10 or higher degree in social work from an accredited graduate
11 school of social work and have such additional qualifications
12 as may be required by the State Board of Education and who hold
13 a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel
14 endorsement for school social work pursuant to Section 21B-25
15 of this Code. Only persons so licensed and endorsed may use the
16 title "school social worker" and may offer school social work
17 services. A school social worker may provide individual and
18 group services to the general student population and to
19 students with disabilities pursuant to Article 14 of this Code
20 and rules set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226, Special
21 Education, adopted by the State Board of Education and may
22 provide support and consultation to administrators, teachers,
23 and other school personnel consistent with their professional

1 qualifications and the provisions of this Code and other
2 applicable laws. School districts may employ a sufficient
3 number of school social workers to address the needs of their
4 students and schools and may maintain the nationally
5 recommended student-to-school social worker ratio of 250 to 1.
6 A school social worker may not provide such services outside
7 his or her employment to any student in the district or
8 districts that employ the school social worker.

9 (105 ILCS 5/14-1.09a) (from Ch. 122, par. 14-1.09a)

10 Sec. 14-1.09a. School social worker. "School Social
11 Worker" means a social worker who has graduated with a master's
12 or higher degree in social work from an accredited graduate
13 school of social work and ~~who~~ has such additional
14 qualifications as may be required by the State Board of
15 Education and who holds a Professional Educator License with a
16 school support personnel endorsement for school social work
17 pursuant to Section 21B-25 School Service Personnel
18 Certificate endorsed for school social work issued pursuant to
19 Section 21-25 of this Code. Only persons ~~Persons~~ so licensed
20 and endorsed ~~certified~~ may use the title "school social worker"
21 and may offer school social work services as provided in this
22 Code and other applicable laws and as ~~which are limited to~~
23 ~~those services~~ set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226, Special
24 Education, ~~pertaining to children between the ages of 3 to 21,~~
25 promulgated by the State Board of Education, governing the

1 provision of special education and related services to children
2 with disabilities and requirements for the treatment of
3 children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21. School
4 social workers may make evaluations, recommendations or
5 interventions regarding the placement of children in
6 educational programs or special education classes. However, a
7 school social worker shall not provide such services outside
8 his or her employment to any student in the district or
9 districts which employ such school social worker.

10 (Source: P.A. 86-303.)

11 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.53 new)

12 Sec. 34-18.53. School social worker. The board may employ
13 school social workers who have graduated with a master's or
14 higher degree in social work from an accredited graduate school
15 of social work and have such additional qualifications as may
16 be required by the State Board of Education and who hold a
17 Professional Educator License with a school support personnel
18 endorsement for school social work pursuant to Section 21B-25
19 of this Code. Only persons so licensed and endorsed may use the
20 title "school social worker" and may offer school social work
21 services. A school social worker may provide individual and
22 group services to the general student population and to
23 students with disabilities pursuant to Article 14 of this Code
24 and rules set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 226, Special
25 Education, adopted by the State Board of Education and may

1 provide support and consultation to administrators, teachers,
2 and other school personnel consistent with their professional
3 qualifications and the provisions of this Code and other
4 applicable laws. The school district may employ a sufficient
5 number of school social workers to address the needs of their
6 students and schools and may maintain the nationally
7 recommended student-to-school social worker ratio of 250 to 1.
8 A school social worker may not provide such services outside
9 his or her employment to any student in the district or
10 districts that employ the school social worker.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
12 becoming law.