

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 456 (HES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Offered: 3/6/92
Referred: Finance
Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE B.DAVIS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to elementary school counselors."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1. AS 14.14 is amended by adding a new section to read:**

4 **Sec. 14.14.135. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELORS. (a) A city or borough**
5 **school district shall select and employ at least**

6 **(1) one person as a full-time counselor who is certified in school counseling at**
7 **each elementary school in the district that has more than 75 but less than 500 students in average**
8 **daily membership; and**

9 **(2) two persons as full-time counselors who are certified in school counseling at**
10 **each elementary school in the district that has 500 or more students in average daily membership.**

11 **(b) A city or borough school district shall provide students at each elementary school in**
12 **the district that has 75 or fewer students in average daily membership with access to a person**
13 **who is a full-time counselor and who is certified in school counseling. A person employed by**
14 **the school district to comply with this subsection may not have a caseload higher than 250 students.**

1 (c) A rural educational attendance area shall select and employ at least one person as a
2 full-time counselor who is certified in school counseling at each elementary school in the
3 attendance area that has more than 75 students in average daily membership.

4 (d) A rural educational attendance area shall provide students at each elementary school
5 in the attendance area that has 75 or fewer students in average daily membership with access to
6 a person who is a full-time counselor and who is certified in school counseling. A person
7 employed by the rural educational attendance area to comply with this subsection may not

- 8 (1) have a caseload higher than 250 students; or
9 (2) be required to work at more than three schools.

10 (e) In this section,

- 11 (1) "average daily membership" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.250;
12 (2) "elementary school" means a school at which at least one of grades K - 8 is
13 taught.