

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 2876-1. Allowance of social workers to do the work of licensed school counselors is extremely concerning. School counselors are licensed after a rigorous program of study at the graduate level that is specific to the unique expertise needed to support students in an educational setting. Just as licensed school counselors would not make good social workers, licensed social workers will not make good school counselors. These important professions need to be recognized for the distinct concentrations that they are. For example, social workers are not trained on how to implement a comprehensive school counseling program, the main intent of this bill.

Thank you,

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