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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to education; establishing minimum ratios for students per school  
1.3 counselors; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. [121A.24] SCHOOL COUNSELORS.

1.6 School districts shall provide school counseling services at ratios not to exceed 250  
1.7 students per licensed school counselor in grades 9 through 12, 350 students per licensed  
1.8 school counselor in grades 7 and 8 or those grades identified as middle school by the  
1.9 district, and 450 students per licensed school counselor in grades 1 through 6 or those  
1.10 grades identified as elementary school within the district. School district provision of  
1.11 counseling services to students by licensed school counselors shall not exceed 20 percent  
1.12 of the established rates for more than one fiscal year.

1.13 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2013-2014 school year and  
1.14 later.