

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 281**

Short Title: School Counselor Pay Scale Increase. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Carter; Allran, Dannelly, Garrou, Garwood, Hagan, Hartsell,  
Lucas, and Metcalf.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO PLACE SCHOOL COUNSELORS ON THE SAME SALARY  
SCHEDULE AS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Effective for the 2001-2002 school year, the first step of the salary schedule for school counselors shall be equivalent to Step 5, corresponding to five years of experience, on the salary schedule established in this section for certified personnel of the public schools who are classified as "M" teachers. Certified counselors shall be placed on the salary schedule at an appropriate step based on their years of experience and appropriate NBPTS certification. Certified counselors shall receive longevity payments based on years of State service in the same manner as teachers.

Certified counselors with certification based on academic preparation at the six-year degree level shall receive a salary supplement of one hundred twenty-six dollars (\$126.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified counselors. Counselors with certification based on academic preparation at the doctoral degree level shall receive a salary supplement of two hundred fifty-three dollars (\$253.00) per month in addition to the compensation provided for certified counselors.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.