

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2026 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

CS/CS/HB 753 — School Counselors

by Education Administration Subcommittee; Careers & Workforce Subcommittee; and Rep. Hunschofsky and others (CS/CS/SB 1036 by Rules Committee; Education Pre-K - 12 Committee; and Senator Calatayud)

The bill modifies evaluation and educator certification requirements for certified school counselors. Specifically the bill:

- Requires that performance evaluation criteria for certified school counselors be based on indicators from the Florida School Counseling Standards.
- Specifies that individuals seeking an educator certificate as a school counselor are exempt from the demonstration of mastery of general knowledge and mastery of professional preparation and education competence. However, such exemption does not limit a school district from requiring demonstration of mastery as a condition of employment as a certified school counselor.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on July 1, 2026.

Vote: Senate 34-0; House 103-0