

HB 753

2026

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to certified school counselors;  
3       amending s. 1012.55, F.S.; providing that persons  
4       employed as certified school counselors are exempt  
5       from specified educator certification requirements,  
6       unless required for employment by a school district;  
7       providing an effective date.  
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9       Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           **Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 1012.55, Florida**  
12 **Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (7), and a new subsection**  
13 **(6) is added to that section, to read:**

14       1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

15       (6) A person who is employed as a certified school  
16 counselor is exempt from the educator certification requirements  
17 in s. 1012.56(2)(g) and (h) relating to the mastery of general  
18 and subject area knowledge, unless required by a school district  
19 for employment.

20       **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.