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To: Nallely Najera

From: STYC—LiSA Group

Re: HB 3898/Substitute

Advisor as a First Responder

An advisor would relieve some of the workload from counselors. In particular students with disruptive behavior. Scuffles and fights do break out among students. In such an incident an advisor would be the first school staff to respond. An advisor would be known by students and trained to de-escalate an incident. This would relieve campus police to oversee a safe campus. The first responder would be trained on conflict resolution methods and techniques to ease and relax tension. The police are not trained to deal with students' disruptive behavior and disciplinary problems.

In such an incident the Advisor would require the student(s) involved to attend a life skills circle, or proceed with a possible police referral.

Advisors can service as early detection of disruptive behavior, and help students identified in need of mental health care to access professional services and resources.

Curriculum on Health and Safety

An advisor would conduct a class based on a mental health and safety curriculum developed by Texas Education Agency.

These are what we would like to see included in the substitute bill.

We think the number of advisors per high school in the pilot would be no more than the number of counselors at a given school.

One other thing, in HB 3898, page two, line 21 can this be taken out?

(4) [establish a voluntary counseling program for students enrolled at the high school campus; and](#)

If you like we can talk about it, or perhaps with someone a legis council.

Thank you Nallely,

Armando and Lisa Group

