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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
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H.P. 470 - L.D. 639

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Develop Training for School Counselors and Review Limitations on Autism Spectrum Disorder Course Work for Special Education Certification

Sec. 1. Department of Education to develop and provide professional development on family or intimate partner violence. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall, in consultation with a statewide coalition to end domestic violence, develop and provide professional development at no cost to school counselors and other school employees, as appropriate, on family or intimate partner violence. The professional development must address screening, the impact of the violence on children and referral and intervention strategies. No later than January 15, 2022, the Department of Education shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the professional development, the number of professional development opportunities offered and the number and type of participants participating in the professional development opportunities.

Sec. 2. Department of Education to review required autism spectrum disorders course work requirements for special education certification. Resolved: That the Department of Education, when conducting any review or revision of teacher certification rules, shall review the requirements for special education certification related to course limitations on autism spectrum disorders with a focus on increasing the flexibility of courses that may count towards special education teacher certification and report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2022 on that review, including any recommendations for special education certification as it relates to course work on autism spectrum disorders.