



Testimony RE: Chapter 117: RULES REGARDING THE DUTIES OF SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS

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Child Protection League (CPL) protects children from exploitation, indoctrination, and violence. We write here in strong opposition to your proposed Chapter 117 Rules regarding the duties of school counselors and school social workers.

The policy being considered here is extreme and destructive. It transfers family and parental responsibility, authority, and care of children to the state through government schools. This Chapter 117 policy allows minors to be influenced and directed into life-changing, permanent physical and mental decisions with not even the knowledge of parents, much less their consent.

The Chapter 117 policy is a direct attack on children. School counselors and social workers cannot ever have the physical and emotional love, commitment, and bonding to classrooms of children that parents, by nature, have to their individual children. There is no love in this policy. None. The proposed policy abuses children by using them as a weapon to advance a radical ideological agenda that undermines families and expands the authority and power of the state.

This policy silences parents. The Comprehensive School Counseling Program (CSCP) is described as “a collaborative effort with families, community stakeholders and other educators, to create an environment resulting in a positive impact on student achievement.” Families are not “stakeholders” to be allowed to collaborate with the schools and other “community” members. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that parents are the primary authority over children. The CSCP is an illegitimate creation because it violates that principle. Nor will its program result in achievement improvements. Such a claim is simply a convenient spin to justify your unjustifiable proposal.

This policy empowers and directs social workers to gather, file, and assess detailed, personal, “life issues” data about all students and their families, a brazen assault on personal privacy. Who and what bureaucratic state and federal entities have access to that data? This policy establishes social workers as the authority over the entire development and life of students. This is not the proper role of schools.

I urge you to reject this Chapter 117 Rule as an extreme violation of the rights of children and families and an assault on children who have the right to the care and counsel of parents.

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