

This doesn't affect volunteers.

SENATOR HALL: So, in other words, my understanding would be then that all volunteers are exempt from the bill.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Right. In fact, there is good evidence, good studies out there that many volunteers do serve very effectively as counselors and as a person who is a professional counselor, I certainly don't have any problem with volunteers at all. Quite often they are more able to help somebody in a particular circumstance and it is not our intent to interfere with any kind of volunteer activity.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, I support that as well. What about, for example, someone who works as a counselor in a private school? Would that individual...they may function as a teacher, but also as a counsellor. They would be someone who would be "degreed".

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Here again, should they wish to be certified they certainly would be able to, if they wish to, go through the necessary steps. There is no requirement that they be certified and they would be covered the same as any other employee of a private school as we have discussed in the past when that issue has come before the Legislature..

SENATOR HALL: Okay, thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion?

SENATOR SCOFIELD: If there are no further questions, I would simply withdraw the amendment and ask you to read the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: We will begin on then.

CLERK: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I'd ask to withdraw my amendment, too, Mr. Clerk.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further amendments on it?

CLERK: No, sir.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Then I guess we can read the bill, can't we?