

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5374**

---

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**220th LEGISLATURE**

---

INTRODUCED MAY 8, 2023

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman STERLEY S. STANLEY**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblywoman VERLINA REYNOLDS-JACKSON**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Assemblyman ROBERT J. KARABINCHAK**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Wimberly**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires local boards of education to employ at least one school social worker per school.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/8/2023)**

1 AN ACT concerning school social workers and supplementing  
2 chapter 27 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

3

4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

6

7 1. a. As used in this section, “school social worker” means a  
8 person who holds a New Jersey standard educational services  
9 certificate with a school social worker endorsement.

10 b. The board of education of a school district shall, at a  
11 minimum, employ and assign on a full-time basis to each school  
12 within the district at least one school social worker. For each  
13 school with student enrollment above 500, the board shall employ  
14 and assign on a full-time basis additional school social workers in a  
15 manner that is proportional to student enrollment.

16

17 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
18 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

19

20

21

STATEMENT

22

23 This bill requires local boards of education to employ and assign  
24 on a full-time basis to each school within the school district at least  
25 one school social worker. The bill further provides that, for each  
26 school with student enrollment above 500, the board is required to  
27 employ and assign on a full-time basis additional school social  
28 workers in a manner that is proportional to student enrollment.