A BILL

To enact section 3319.091 of the Revised Code to require the Department of Education to make recommendations for a job description for school counselors and to designate at least one staff member as a school counselor liaison.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3319.091 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3319.091. (A) The department of education shall make recommendations for a job description for school counselors employed by school districts, community schools established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code, and STEM schools established under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code in this state. The recommendations shall be based on the standards for school counselors most recently adopted by the state board of education. The recommendations shall specify that eighty percent of school counselor duties shall be direct and indirect services to students, as those terms are defined by the national
school counseling program model adopted by the American school counselor association or its successor organization, in academic, career, and social and emotional development and twenty per cent of school counselor duties shall be program planning and school support activities.

(B) The superintendent of public instruction shall designate at least one employee of the department to serve as a liaison for school counselors across the state.

(C) Each school district, community school, and STEM school shall consider the recommendations made by the department under division (A) of this section when preparing job descriptions for and assigning duties to school counselors employed by the district or school.