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To whom it may concern:

My name is Miranda Bargdill and I received my school counseling degree from Emporia State University in 2018.

From my personal experience, the school counselor is an enigma. It needs regulation like this bill. It is too new of a position and too unclear of their duties to have the ability to pull kids whenever about whatever without their parents knowing.

The school counselor is not a replacement for parents. School counselors are not therapists. If a minor is going to be having ongoing conversations with an adult during their school day by participating in group or individual counseling, that minor's parents need to be informed and consented to it.

The burden is on the school counselor to work with parents and families, it is not something they should just be able to circumvent.

It really is that simple. Schools need to work with parents and families, and this bill would guarantee it.
Please pass HB 2420.

Sincerely,
Miranda Bargdill