



MSCA is opposed to HB 5040. Although a counselor education issue, the training of school counselors is the preparation for the practice of school counseling. The practice and professional identity of school counselors is based on providing counseling to all students in K-12 schools. If a school counseling student does not have the experience of understanding diversity and applying counseling skills with diverse students as defined currently in the Michigan rules and regulations for the preparation of school counselors, the preparation limits the scope of practice for that student. The student is therefore not prepared to work as a school counselor. Also given the limited employment of school counselors in Michigan school districts, the practice of referral may not be possible for school counselors.