

HB 458 Fred Anderson

Generally revise regulations governing the eligibility of career coaches

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HB 458 amends section 20-1-101, MCA,

This is an act related to career coaches. It provides a definition and the duties and qualifications for a career coach:

1. A high school district may utilize a career coach for educational and career counseling opportunities for students.
2. A career coach may offer opportunities for internships or apprenticeships within a community and assist students with high school course offerings, career options, occupational training, and postsecondary opportunities associated with the student's field of interest within the career technical education and K-12 career and vocational/technical education programs provided for in Title 20, chapter 7, part 3.
3. To be **eligible** to be a career coach, a person must have:
 - A bachelor's degree or a class 4 vocational, recreational, or adult education certificate;
 - An associate degree and have completed a minimum of 5,000 hours of documented, relevant work experience with recognized credentials, which may include apprenticeship training; or
 - A high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma and have completed a minimum of 10,000 hours of documented, relevant work experience with recognized credentials, which may include apprenticeship training.

A "Career coach" means a person who, pursuant to [section 1], provides career technical education or K-12 career and vocational/technical education postsecondary options to pupils in a district.