

CONFIDENTIALITY LEGISLATION

- WHEREAS, The safety and welfare of children and youth have always been a prime concern of parent teacher associations everywhere; and
- WHEREAS, The formal counseling of students by public and private school pupil personnel staff (psychologist, counselor, nurse, social worker, teacher, principal) has been established as a necessary and vital service contributing to the emotional and physical welfare of children and youth; and
- WHEREAS, The foundation of any counseling relationship must be the protection under law of the privileged and confidential communication that takes place between the pupil personnel staff and clients, without disregarding the rights of the parents of minors to such information; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers lends its collective support to the enactment by the Missouri Legislature of a statute guaranteeing the protection under law of the confidentiality of communication between clients and public and private school personnel staff (psychologist, counselor, nurse, social worker, teacher, principal) acting in a counseling relationship, without disregarding the rights of parents of minors to such information.