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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6253

BILL NUMBER: HB 1192

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 28, 2023

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Chaplains in Public and Charter Schools.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Miller D

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a school corporation or charter school to employ or accept as a volunteer a school chaplain under certain circumstances. It provides that a school chaplain is not required to disclose privileged or confidential communications with a student under certain circumstances.

Effective Date: July 1, 2024.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill could increase expenditures for public schools who choose to employ a chaplain by approximately \$65,000 per chaplain. This cost may be offset if the school chooses to hire a chaplain instead of other types of student support services personnel. [The average annual salary and fringe benefit cost for a school psychologist, counselor, or social worker in the state of Indiana as of May 2022, is approximately \$85,000, \$64,000, and \$59,000 respectively.] Public schools who accept volunteer chaplains may also experience a minor workload increase related to overseeing the volunteer staff. These requirements are within public schools' routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Public schools.

Information Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics.

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