

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Reengrossed House Bill No. 334 by Representative Amedee

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 8 and insert the following:

3 "To enact Chapter 19-A of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
4 comprised of R.S. 17:3011 through 3014, relative to school chaplains; to provide for  
5 the employment or acceptance as a volunteer of a certified chaplain by public school  
6 boards; to provide for support, services, and programs for students; to provide for  
7 responsibility and hiring requirements; to provide for prohibiting certain hires as  
8 chaplains; to provide for limitation of liability; and to provide for related matters."

9 AMENDMENT NO. 2

10 On page 1, delete lines 10 through 19 and delete page 2 in its entirety and insert the  
11 following:

12 "Section 1. Chapter 19-A of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
13 comprised of R.S. 17:3011 through 3014, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 CHAPTER 19-A. SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

15 §3011. School chaplains; employment; volunteer

16 Each city, parish, or other local public school board may employ or accept  
17 as a volunteer a certified chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for  
18 students, staff, and parents as assigned by a school board pursuant to the provisions  
19 of this Chapter.

20 §3012. Selection; responsibility; certification

21 A. The school chaplain shall be selected by and be responsible to the local  
22 school officials in each city, parish, or other local public school system.

23 B. Any school chaplain employed or accepted as a volunteer pursuant to the  
24 provisions of this Section is not required to be certified by the State Board of  
25 Elementary and Secondary Education.

26 C. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit any school board from employing  
27 or accepting as a volunteer more than one chaplain for any school.

28 §3013. Hiring requirements; prohibited hires

29 A. A city, parish, or other local public school board that employs or accepts  
30 as a volunteer, a chaplain, under this Chapter, shall ensure that the chaplain submits  
31 to a fingerprint based state and federal background check, as provided in R.S.  
32 15:587.1, before the chaplain begins employment or volunteering at a school.

33 B. A city, parish, or other local public school board shall not employ or  
34 accept as a volunteer a chaplain who has registered or is required to register as a sex  
35 offender or child predator in accordance with R.S. 15:542 et seq.

36 §3014. Limitation of liability; school chaplain

37 A. No person shall have a cause of action against a chaplain for any action  
38 taken or statement made in adherence with the provisions for service, support, and  
39 programs for students.

40 B. The immunity from liability provided for in Subsection A of this Section,  
41 shall not apply to any action or statement by such chaplain, if such action or  
42 statement was maliciously, willfully, and deliberately intended to cause harm to  
43 harass or intimidate those seeking support, services and programs.

44 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
45 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
46 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
47 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
48 effective on the day following such approval."