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DIGEST

SB 123 Original

2024 Regular Session

Abraham

Proposed law allows each city, parish, or other local public school board may employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain to provide support, services, and programs for students as assigned by a school board pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that a school chaplain employed or accepted as a volunteer is not required to be certified by BESE.

Proposed law requires that each chaplain consent to a background check and prohibits the hiring of a chaplain who is a registered sex offender or child predator.

Proposed law limits the liability of chaplains for any action taken or statement made in adherence with the provisions for service, support, and programs for students. Furthermore, proposed law denies immunity from liability to any action or statement by chaplains, if the action or statement was maliciously, willfully, and deliberately intended to cause harm to harass or intimidate those seeking support, services and programs.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3011-3014)