

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 334

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, CARLSON, CARVER, EDMONSTON,
MELERINE, ORGERON, AND SCHLEGEL

SCHOOLS: Authorizes school boards to provide for chaplains to serve in public schools as employees or on a volunteer basis

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2115.12 and 3996(B)(82), relative to school chaplains; to authorize each
3 public school board to provide for the service of chaplains at its schools; to provide
4 that chaplains may be employees or serve on a volunteer basis; to provide that
5 student and employee participation with a chaplain's programs or services is
6 optional; to subject chaplains to criminal history laws applicable to school employees
7 and school volunteers; to require any school board providing for chaplains to adopt
8 policies relative to their service; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:2115.12 and 3996(B)(82) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2115.12. School chaplains

12 A. Each local public school board may provide for the service of a chaplain
13 at any school under its jurisdiction. The school board may hire chaplains as school
14 employees or authorize them to serve on a volunteer basis.

15 B. Participation by any student or employee in any program or service
16 offered by the chaplain is optional.

17 C. A school chaplain is subject to all criminal history laws and policies that
18 are applicable to other school employees and school volunteers, including but not
19 limited to R.S. 15:587.1 and R.S. 17:15.

