

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

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:2115.12 is 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, as applicable,
19 including but not limited to R.S. 15:587.1 and R.S. 17:15.

