

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 688 (HB 334)

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New law authorizes local public school boards to provide for certified chaplains at schools, either as employees or volunteers, to provide support, services, and programs for students, staff, and parents. New law further:

- (1) Provides that a chaplain need not be certified by the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- (2) Allows more than one chaplain at a school.
- (3) Requires school boards to ensure that chaplains submit state and federal background checks prior to service.
- (4) Prohibits school boards from having a chaplain who has registered or is required to register as a sex offender or child predator.
- (5) Provides a limitation of liability for chaplains unless their actions or statements were intended to cause harm, harass, or intimidate.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 19, 2024).

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