

Amend SB 763 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 1, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(a) a chaplain employed or volunteering under this chapter must meet all existing requirements for employees or volunteers.

(2) On page 1, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

Sec. 23.003. CONSENT REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN SERVICES. A school chaplain employed by a school district or open-enrollment charter school under this chapter may not provide support, services, or programs to a student enrolled in the district or school unless the district or school obtains from the student's parent or guardian written consent for the support, services, or programs.

Sec. 23.004. REGULATION OF SCHOOL CHAPLAINS. (a) The commissioner by rule shall establish standards of conduct for school chaplains. The standards of conduct must:

(1) require a school chaplain to:

(A) protect the free exercise of religion of a student, a student's parent or guardian, and other public school employees;

(B) refrain from proselytizing or imposing the chaplain's values and beliefs on a student, a student's parent or guardian, or other public school employees;

(C) respect the cultural, ethnic, gender, racial, and religious diversity of students and other public school employees; and

(D) respectfully, professionally, and promptly refer a student to another professional who can directly provide for the needs of the student if the chaplain is unable to support a specific need of the student due to the chaplain's religious beliefs.

(2) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.