

2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1054**AMENDMENT 1054B
FOR THE INTRODUCED BILL**

1 **An Act to ~~authorize volunteer chaplains to serve in~~ allow public schools to authorize**
2 **an individual to volunteer or be employed as a school chaplain.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 13-8:**

5 The board of each school district shall implement a policy that authorizes an
6 individual to volunteer ~~or be employed~~ as a school chaplain. The policy must describe the
7 process by which an individual applies to volunteer ~~or be employed~~ as a school chaplain,
8 the minimum qualifications the applicant must have to volunteer ~~or be employed~~ as a
9 school chaplain, and the service or support that an individual volunteering ~~or employed~~ as
10 a school chaplain may provide. The board must publish on the school district's website the
11 list of individuals volunteering ~~or employed~~ as school chaplains and the religious affiliation
12 of each individual.

13 The policy adopted by the board may not require or compel a student to participate
14 in or receive any service or support provided by an individual volunteering ~~or employed~~
15 as a school chaplain.

16 The policy adopted by the board may not allow an individual volunteering ~~or~~
17 ~~employed~~ as a school chaplain to have any disciplinary or supervisory authority over any
18 student or student group.

19 An individual who applies to volunteer ~~or be employed~~ as a school chaplain shall
20 submit to the same criminal background investigation required of an individual hired by a
21 school district pursuant to § 13-10-12.

22 A school district may not allow an individual to volunteer ~~or be employed~~ as a
23 school chaplain if the individual has been convicted of:

24 (1) A crime involving moral turpitude, as defined in § 22-1-2;

25 (2) A crime of violence, as defined in § 22-1-2;

26 (3) A sex offense, as defined in § 22-24B-1; or

1 (4) Trafficking in narcotics.

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