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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BLACK AND SENATOR MAY.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to allowing public schools to employ or accept chaplains as volunteers.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 160.2505, to read as  
3 follows:

160.2505. 1. A school district or charter school may  
2 employ a chaplain or accept a chaplain as a screened  
3 volunteer, as the term "screened volunteer" is defined in  
4 section 168.133, to provide support, services, or programs  
5 for students as assigned by the school board of the school  
6 district or the governing body of the charter school.

7 2. A chaplain employed by or volunteering for a school  
8 district or charter school pursuant to the provisions of  
9 this section shall not be employed in any position that  
10 requires a teaching certificate unless such chaplain is a  
11 certified teacher pursuant to the provisions of section  
12 168.021.

13           3. A school chaplain shall be a member of a Department  
14 of Defense listed religious-endorsing organization  
15 recognized by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board.

16           4. A school district or charter school that employs a  
17 chaplain or accepts a chaplain as a screened volunteer shall  
18 ensure that a criminal background check is conducted on such  
19 chaplain pursuant to the provisions of section 168.133  
20 before the chaplain begins employment or volunteer service  
21 at the district or school.

22           5. A school district or charter school shall not  
23 employ a chaplain or accept a chaplain as a screened  
24 volunteer if such chaplain is required to be registered as a  
25 sex offender pursuant to the provisions of sections 589.400  
26 to 589.425.

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