

HB 632 -- FAITH-BASED INITIATIVES AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY ADVOCATE

SPONSOR: Deaton

This bill establishes the "Office of Faith-Based Initiatives and Religious Liberty Advocate", within the Office of Administration for the purpose of strengthening and expanding the role faith-based organizations play in providing social services, making information about state grants and other state partnerships more accessible, and promoting the fundamental human right to religious liberty.

The Office shall be administered by the Faith-Based Initiatives and Religious Liberty Advocate. The Advocate shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and hold office for a term of six years, and shall continue to hold office until a successor has been duly appointed. The Advocate shall act independently of the Office of Administration. The Office of Administration shall provide administrative support and staff as necessary.