

SS SCS SBs 49 & 118 -- ALLOWS SCHOOLS TO EMPLOY OR ACCEPT CHAPLAINS
AS VOLUNTEERS

This bill authorizes a public school to employ a chaplain or accept a chaplain as a screened volunteer.

The bill specifies that a school chaplain must not be employed in any position that requires a teaching certificate unless the chaplain is a certified teacher. A school chaplain must be a member of a Department of Defense listed religious-endorsing organization recognized by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board.

The bill requires a background to be conducted on any school chaplain prior to the chaplain's commencement of employment or volunteer service. A school district or charter school must not employ or accept as a volunteer any chaplain who is required to be registered as a sex offender under current law.