



SENATE BILL 508: Remove Volunteer Chaplain Ed. Requirements.

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Committee:	Senate Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	April 19, 2023
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 508 would remove mandatory minimum educational requirements for community-funded and volunteer prison chaplains.*

CURRENT LAW:

Pursuant to G.S. 148-10.1, the Division of Prisons of the Department of Adult Correction is authorized and directed to employ clinical chaplains to provide moral, spiritual, and social counseling and ministerial services to inmates.

The Division of Prisons has internal policies establishing educational and training requirements for prison chaplains. It is required that all chaplains graduate from an accredited four-year college or university, have a Masters of Divinity or equivalent level of education, be ordained and in good standing with their faith group, and be clinically trained.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 508 would prohibit the Department of Adult Correction from setting mandatory minimum educational requirements for community-funded or volunteer prison chaplains.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

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