

FINAL BILL REPORT

HJR 4200

As Passed Legislature

Brief Description: Amending the Constitution to permit municipalities and state agencies to employ chaplains.

By Representatives Franklin, Zellinsky, Campbell and Kremen.

House Committee on Local Government
Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

Background: Article 1, section 1, of the state constitution prohibits the use of public money or property for any religious worship, exercise, or instruction, or for the support of any religious establishment. However, these prohibitions do not forbid the Legislature from providing for the state to employ a chaplain for state custodial, correctional, and mental institutions.

Summary: The Legislature is authorized to permit a county's or public hospital district's hospital, health care facility, or hospice to hire a chaplain.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	67	31	
Senate	36	13	(Senate amended)
House			(House refused to concur)
Senate	43	4	(Senate receded)