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By Senator Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to institutional chaplains; and amending RCW  
2 72.01.210.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 72.01.210 and 1993 c 281 s 62 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The secretary of corrections shall appoint full-time and part-time  
7 chaplains for the state correctional institutions as is necessary to  
8 meet the religious needs for convicted felons(~~(+and)~~), and for other  
9 custodial and correctional institutions under his or her control. The  
10 part-time chaplains are to be considered employees of the department of  
11 corrections with all the rights and responsibilities accorded employees  
12 under chapter 41.06 RCW as they relate to indemnification and defense  
13 for matters arising from acts while the employee was acting within the  
14 scope of his or her employment or duties. The chaplains appointed  
15 under this section are under the direct authority of a chaplain  
16 designated as the manager of religious programs within the department  
17 of corrections. The secretary of social and health services shall  
18 appoint chaplains for the correctional institutions for juveniles found  
19 delinquent by the juvenile courts(~~(+)~~), and (~~the secretary of~~

1 ~~corrections and the secretary of social and health services shall~~  
2 ~~appoint one or more chaplains))~~ for other custodial, correctional, and  
3 mental institutions under (~~their~~) his or her control. The chaplains  
4 (~~se~~) appointed under this section shall have the qualifications  
5 consistent with community standards of the given faith group to which  
6 the chaplain belongs and shall be compensated in an amount, as shall  
7 hereafter be recommended by the departments and approved by the  
8 Washington personnel resources board. The department of corrections  
9 and the department of social and health services shall require  
10 chaplains appointed under this section to participate in training to  
11 the extent the training is necessary and appropriate to enable the  
12 chaplain to fulfill his or her duties as a chaplain.

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