

**HB 2217 - DIGEST**

Clarifies a permissible exercise of religion for public employees and gives protection to employees who choose to exercise their constitutionally guaranteed rights.

Authorizes public employees to pray with and for one another, as in other public forums, and to offer to pray with and for one another, without fear of prior restraint, discrimination, or censorship based on the content of their speech, or any civil or criminal liability for freely exercising those rights.

Prohibits a governmental agency from imposing a sanction of any kind on a public employee for exercising any of these rights.