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HB4157 AS INTRODUCED

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Committee

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State Fiscal Impact

Cost	Increase
Revenues	None

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost	None
Revenues	None

House Bill 4157 would create the Office of Faith Community Liaison within the Executive Office (Office of the Governor). The Office of Faith Community Liaison would be responsible for the following: serving as policy advisor to the Governor and the Executive branch on issues and policies which affect faith communities regarding social services and initiatives serving the needy; participating in hearings and meetings concerning how state agencies relate to faith communities; gathering data and information and acting as a clearinghouse on issues concerning faith communities; developing working relationships and strategic partnerships with faith communities; and working with faith communities to end parents' dependence on government benefits. The faith community liaison would be appointed by the Governor, would serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and would be required to meet criteria which is specified in the bill.

There would be a cost to the state for the creation and maintenance of the Office of Faith Community Liaison. The exact cost is indeterminate at this time and would depend primarily on the number of staff in the office. The following types of operational costs could be expected: salaries and fringe benefits, travel, telephones, training/education, postage, printing, office supplies, equipment, maintenance, contractual services, rent, and technology-related costs.