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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

LS 7012 BILL NUMBER: SB 263 SUBJECT: Religious Activities as Essential Services.	NOTE PREPARED: Feb 1, 2021 BILL AMENDED: Feb 1, 2021

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL

FIRST SPONSOR:

DEDICATED **FEDERAL**

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits the state and a political subdivision from imposing restrictions on a religious organization that are more restrictive than the restrictions imposed upon other businesses and organizations that provide essential services to the public. The bill permits the state or a political subdivision to require a religious organization to comply with a neutral and generally applicable health, safety, or occupancy requirement to the same extent as other organizations, if the requirement is otherwise allowable under Indiana's religious freedom law.

Effective Date: July 1, 2021. **Explanation of State Expenditures: Explanation of State Revenues: Explanation of Local Expenditures: Explanation of Local Revenues: State Agencies Affected:**

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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