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Bill Analysis

SB 216 states that the closure of a religious institution or the declaration of such an institution as nonessential shall be deemed as a substantial burden on the free exercise of religion that is not the least restrictive means of furthering a compelling governmental interest. The measure also prohibits any government entity from restricting access to religious facilities or gatherings as long as such institutions are not engaged in illegal activities.

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