

**RÉSUMÉ DIGEST****ACT 304 (HB 606)****2016 Regular Session****Hoffmann**

Existing law provides that no public funds of any institution, board, commission, department, agency, official, or employee of the state, or of any local political subdivision thereof, shall be used in any way for, to assist in, or to provide facilities for an abortion, except when the abortion is medically necessary to prevent the death of the mother. New law retains existing law.

New law provides that no institution, board, commission, department, agency, official, or employee of the state, or of any local political subdivision thereof, shall contract with, award any grant to, or otherwise bestow any funding upon an entity or organization that performs abortions, or that contracts with an entity or organization that performs abortions, in Louisiana. Provides that the prohibition shall apply to state funds, federal funds, and any other funds that may be used for purposes of contracting for services, providing reimbursements, or grant issuance.

New law stipulates that the prohibition provided therein shall not be construed to restrict funding to an entity that may perform the following types of abortions, exclusively:

- (1) An abortion which is medically necessary to prevent the death of the mother.
- (2) An abortion in a case when the mother is a victim of rape or incest.
- (3) An abortion performed when the pregnancy is diagnosed as medically futile. Provides that for purposes of new law, "medically futile" means that, in reasonable medical judgment, the unborn child has a profound and irremediable congenital or chromosomal anomaly that is incompatible with sustaining life after birth. Stipulates that this diagnosis shall be a medical judgment certified in the pregnant woman's medical record by a reasonably prudent physician who is knowledgeable about the case and the treatment possibilities with respect to the medical conditions involved.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 2, 2016).

(Amends R.S. 40:1061.6(A); Adds R.S. 36:21)