
DIGEST

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HB 338 Original

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Hoffmann

Abstract: Provides for applicability of and exceptions to the prohibition on public funding for entities that perform abortions.

Present 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 this state. Stipulates 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.

Proposed law revises present law by removing references to contracting, thereby causing the prohibition to apply only to funding mechanisms other than contracts.

Proposed law revises present law to provide that entities prohibited from receiving certain public funding are those that do any of the following:

- (a) Perform abortions in this state.
- (b) Provide facilities to another entity or organization for the purpose of performing abortions in this state.
- (c) Hire or retain another entity or organization for the purpose of performing abortions in this state.

Proposed law stipulates that the prohibition on public funding established by present law and proposed law shall apply to state funds, federal funds, and any other public funds for procuring goods or services, or for providing medical assistance program services, reimbursements, or grants.

Proposed law provides that the prohibition on public funding established by present law and proposed law shall not be construed to prohibit provision of public protections such as fire, police, or emergency medical services, public utilities, or other such services to any entity or organization in the same manner as provided to the general public.

Proposed law provides for redesignation of present law comprised of R.S. 36:21 to R.S. 49:200.51.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 36:21(B) and R.S. 40:1061.6(A)(2))