SLS 16RS-429 ORIGINAL

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 264

BY SENATOR MILLS

CONTRACTS. Provides for a prohibition on expenditure of funds regarding abortions. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1061.6(A), relative to prohibitions on use of certain funds; to provide for prohibitions on use of federal and state funds for certain grants or contracts; to provide for exceptions; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1061.6(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: §1061.6. Use of public funds

A. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no public funds, made available to any institution, board, commission, department, agency, official, or employee of the state of Louisiana, or of any local political subdivision thereof, whether such funds are made available by the government of the United States, the state of Louisiana, or of a local governmental subdivision, or from any other public source 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.

(2) No institution, board, commission, department, agency, official, or

employee of the state, or of any local political subdivision thereof, shall contract with or bestow grant awards upon any entity or organization that performs abortions or contracts with an entity or organization that performs abortions in Louisiana. The prohibition in this Subsection shall apply to state funds, federal funds, or any other funds that may be used for contracting or grant issuance purposes. This prohibition does not apply to an entity or organization that only performs abortions that are medically necessary if the life of the mother is in danger or when the mother is the victim of rape or incest.

* * *

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

DIGEST 2016 Regular Session

Mills

<u>Present law</u> prohibits use of public funds to provide for, assist in, or provide facilities for an abortion. <u>Proposed law</u> retains present law and adds that no entity that performs abortions shall receive funds from any source via contract, grant funding or otherwise from any sector of state government. Further, provides that prohibition does not apply to entities or organizations that only perform abortions in cases of rape, incest, or when medically necessary to save the life of the mother.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:1061.6(A))

SB 264 Original