

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE

Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 606** HLS 16RS 1102
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Prohibit public funding to entities that perform abortions		

FUNDS/FUNDING EG NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
 Prohibits entities that perform abortions from receiving public funding for any purpose

Present 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. Proposed law retains present law. Proposed 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 to an entity or organization that performs abortions, or 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; stipulates that the prohibition therein shall not be construed to restrict funding to an entity that may from time to time perform a medically necessary abortion to prevent death of the mother, when the mother is a victim of rape or incest, or when a pregnancy is diagnosed as "medically futile."

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law restricts certain entities and individuals from contracting with, granting awards to, or otherwise bestowing any funding upon an entity or organization that performs abortions in Louisiana except in cases where an abortion is medically necessary to save the life of the mother, when the mother was the victim of rape or incest, or when the pregnancy is diagnosed as "medically futile."

DHH reports that proposed law has no fiscal impact for the state. The bill places no restrictions on physicians' offices or hospitals from performing authorized surgical procedures including abortions, elective or otherwise. Elective procedures are not billed to Medicaid. For informational purposes, according to the Office of Public Health (OPH) there were five facilities and 7 physicians that performed abortions in 2015 in accordance with the definition of abortion under R.S. 40:1061.9.

DHH reports that it has no mechanism for monitoring compliance other than to perform manual record reviews and/or site visits in the event a grievance is filed. In order to enforce the provisions of proposed law, DHH reports it will utilize existing staff to regularly monitor all contracts for providers that report abortion procedures to OPH and to monitor compliance with reporting requirements.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | |

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