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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit this state and any  
9 of its agencies, political subdivisions, or  
10 instrumentalities from providing grant funding to  
11 support the performance of an abortion or  
12 counseling in favor of an abortion, or to otherwise  
13 aid providers of abortions or affiliates of  
14 providers of abortions, with exceptions.

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16 A BILL  
17 TO BE ENTITLED  
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to abortion; to prohibit this state and any  
21 of its agencies, political subdivisions, or instrumentalities  
22 from providing grant funding to support the performance of an  
23 abortion or counseling in favor of an abortion, or to  
24 otherwise aid providers of abortions or affiliates of  
25 providers of abortions, with exceptions.

26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. For purposes of this act, the following  
2 terms have the following meanings:

3           (1) ABORTION REFERRAL. The act of recommending a  
4 pregnant woman to a doctor, clinic, or other person or entity  
5 for the purpose of obtaining or learning about a convenience  
6 abortion.

7           (2) AFFILIATE. An individual or entity that directly  
8 or indirectly owns, controls, is controlled by, or is under  
9 the common control of another person or entity, in whole or in  
10 part, or a subsidiary, parent, or sibling entity.

11           (3) CONVENIENCE ABORTION. The act of using or  
12 prescribing an instrument, medicine, drug, device, substance,  
13 or any other means, with the intent to terminate a pregnancy.  
14 This term does not include acts performed with the intent to  
15 do any of the following:

- 16           a. Save the life of the mother.
- 17           b. Save the life or preserve the health of the  
18 unborn child.
- 19           c. Remove a miscarried unborn child.
- 20           d. Remove an ectopic pregnancy.
- 21           e. Abort and remove an unborn child that is  
22 conceived through rape or incest.

23           Section 2. (a) No agency, political subdivision, or  
24 instrumentality of the state shall award a grant to pay the  
25 direct or indirect costs of performing, inducing, referring,  
26 or counseling in favor of convenience abortions, including,  
27 but not limited to:

- 1           (1) Administrative costs and expenses.
- 2           (2) Overhead costs.
- 3           (3) Employee salaries.
- 4           (4) Rent and mortgage payments.
- 5           (5) Telephone and other utility payments.

6           (b) No agency, political subdivision, or  
7 instrumentality of the state shall grant, appropriate, or  
8 distribute a grant to an individual or entity that does any of  
9 the following or that is affiliated with any individual or  
10 entity that does any of the following:

- 11           (1) Performs convenience abortions.
- 12           (2) Induces convenience abortions.
- 13           (3) Provides convenience abortion referrals.
- 14           (4) Counsels in favor of convenience abortions.

15           (c) This act shall not be construed to deny funding  
16 to a hospital, a medical school, or a two-year or four-year  
17 college or university.

18           (d) This act shall not be construed to affect  
19 funding available through the Alabama Medicaid program.

20           Section 3. This act shall become effective  
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.