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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO BAR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE STATE
11 TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 TO BAR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE
16 STATE TO CERTAIN ENTITIES.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

22 The General Assembly finds that:

23 (1) The State of Arkansas facilitates the disbursement of both
24 state and federal funds to qualifying entities for purposes of conducting
25 certain activities;

26 (2) Public dollars awarded to qualifying entities may facilitate
27 or subsidize directly or indirectly expenses or activities not directly
28 related to those for which the funds were intended, including without
29 limitation shared administrative costs, overhead, employee salaries, rent,
30 utilities, and various other expenses;

31 (3) It is possible that public dollars made available by or
32 through the State of Arkansas may be awarded to an entity that performs
33 elective abortions or subsidizes or otherwise facilitates the entity's
34 ability to perform elective abortions although the funds were not disbursed
35 specifically for the purpose of performing elective abortions;

36 (4) Amendment 68 to the Arkansas Constitution of 1874 states,



1 "No public funds will be used to pay for any abortion, except to save the
2 mother's life";

3 (5) The direct or indirect subsidization or facilitation of
4 abortion with funds distributed by the state constitutes paying for an
5 abortion and, therefore, conflicts with Amendment 68 to the Arkansas
6 Constitution of 1874;

7 (6) As elected representatives of the people of Arkansas, the
8 members of the General Assembly are entrusted with ensuring that all
9 activities conducted with the aid of public funds are in accordance with the
10 wishes of the people of Arkansas and the intent of the laws of this state;
11 and

12 (7) It is within the purview of the General Assembly to
13 establish criteria as the basis on which public funds are disbursed.

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15 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 16, is amended to add an
16 additional subchapter to read as follows:

17 Subchapter 15 – Advancing Women's Health Act of 2015

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19 20-16-1501. Definitions.

20 As used in this subchapter:

21 (1)(A) "Abortion" means the act of using or prescribing an
22 instrument, medicine, drug, device, or another substance or means with the
23 intent to terminate the clinically diagnosable pregnancy of a woman with
24 knowledge that the termination by those means will with reasonable likelihood
25 cause the death of the unborn child.

26 (B) An act under subdivision (1)(A) of this section is not
27 an abortion if the act is performed with the intent to:

28 (i) Save the life of the mother;

29 (ii) Save the life or preserve the health of the
30 unborn child;

31 (iii) Remove a dead unborn child caused by
32 spontaneous abortion; or

33 (iv) Remove an ectopic pregnancy;

34 (2) "Abortion referral" means the act of recommending a pregnant
35 woman to a doctor, clinic, or other person or entity for the purpose of
36 obtaining or learning about obtaining an abortion;

1 (3) "Affiliate" means an individual or entity that, directly or
2 indirectly, owns, controls, is controlled by, or is under the common control
3 of another person or entity, in whole or in part, or a subsidiary, parent, or
4 sibling entity;

5 (4) "Pregnancy" means the female reproductive condition of
6 having an unborn child in the woman's uterus; and

7 (5) "Unborn child" means the offspring of human beings from
8 fertilization until birth.

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10 20-16-1502. Awarding of public funds to entities that perform
11 abortions prohibited.

12 (a) An agency or instrumentality of the state shall not award a grant
13 to pay the direct or indirect costs of performing, inducing, referring, or
14 counseling in favor of abortions, including without limitation:

15 (1) Administrative costs and expenses;

16 (2) Overhead costs;

17 (3) Employee salaries;

18 (4) Rent and mortgage payments; and

19 (5) Telephone and other utility payments.

20 (b) An agency or instrumentality of the state shall not grant,
21 appropriate, or distribute a grant to an individual or entity that:

22 (1) Performs abortions, induces abortions, provides abortion
23 referrals, or counsels in favor of elective abortions; or

24 (2) Is an affiliate of a person or entity that performs
25 abortions, induces abortions, provides abortion referrals, or counsels in
26 favor of elective abortions.

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28 20-16-1503. Construction.

29 (a)(1) This subchapter does not affect the funding of a hospital,
30 medical school, or university.

31 (2) The restrictions under § 20-16-1502 do not apply to funding
32 available through the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

33 (b) This subchapter does not create or recognize:

34 (1) A right to an abortion; or

35 (2) A right to public funds, a contract, or a grant.

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