

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1326

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; defining
8 terms; making certain actions with a human embryo
9 unlawful; providing penalty; providing for
10 codification; and providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-735.1 of Title 63, unless
14 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. As used in this section:

16 1. "Human embryo" means a living organism of the species Homo
17 sapiens at the earliest stages of development, including the single-
18 celled stage, that is not located in the body of a female; and

19 2. "Nontherapeutic research" means research that is not
20 intended to help preserve the life and health of the particular
21 embryo subjected to risk. This term does not include in vitro
22 fertilization and accompanying embryo transfer to the body of a
23 female, or any diagnostic test which may assist in the future care
24 of a child subjected to the tests.

1 B. No person shall:

2 1. Knowingly conduct nontherapeutic research that destroys a
3 human embryo or subjects a human embryo to substantial risk of
4 injury or death;

5 2. Transfer a human embryo with the knowledge that the embryo
6 will be subjected to nontherapeutic research; or

7 3. Use for research purposes cells or tissues that the person
8 knows were obtained by performing activities in violation of this
9 section.

10 C. Any person or any business entity recognized by the laws of
11 this state that engages in, or is associated with a business entity
12 that engages in, the actions prohibited by subsection B of this
13 section shall not be eligible for any Oklahoma income tax credits.
14 No state agency or retirement system shall invest in a business
15 entity that engages in the acts prohibited by subsection B of this
16 section.

17 D. Any person found violating the provisions of subsection B of
18 this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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