

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 2797
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Impact:	Contingent on approp. or revolving funds

Research Analysis

The bill creates the Humanity of the Unborn Child Act. Contingent upon the availability of funds, some of the major provisions of the bill include;

- Directing the State Department of Education to establish, operate and maintain a public information program to educate the public about the humanity of a child in utero.
- Developing a program to educate students in grades nine through twelve and requiring every public school operating at grade level nine to provide a unit of instruction over the topic;
- Allowing the Department to utilize existing resources available through the State Department of Health, the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, and any resource material created pursuant to the State's voluntary and informed consent laws.
- Requiring the Department to maintain a list of public and private agencies and services available to assist women through pregnancy and childhood on its website;
- Developing a public information campaign utilizing PSAs and other media; and
- Requiring licensed medical providers and hospitals to inform each pregnant patient within five days from the determination that the patient is pregnant, of the public information programs developed under the measure.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2797, as introduced, creates the Humanity of the Unborn Child Act. The measure is contingent on the availability of appropriated or revolving funds. Department of Education personnel are reviewing the measure.

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Other Considerations

None