

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 778 creates the Life Appropriation Act. The measure prohibits an agency or instrumentality of the State from providing an award or grant to pay for the direct or indirect costs of performing, inducing, referring, or counseling in favor of abortions. Included within these direct and direct costs are administrative costs, rent, overhead costs, employee salaries, and telephone and utility payments. Any entity that performs convenience abortions or affiliates with an entity performing convenience abortions will not receive state appropriations, grants, or awards as doing so when constitute an endorsement of the religion of Secular Humanism. This measure does not apply to funding of hospitals or schools on the Medicaid program.

The measure further states that the Legislature has a duty to comply with the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment and that any convenience abortion constitutes an endorsement of the religion of Secular Humanism.

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