

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 SENATE BILL 936

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating  
8 the Protection of Human Life Act of 2023; providing  
9 short title; defining terms; making certain actions  
10 with a human embryo unlawful; providing penalty;  
11 providing for codification; providing an effective  
12 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

17 A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the  
18 "Protection of Human Life Act of 2023".

19 B. As used in this section:

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

23 2. "Nontherapeutic research" means research that is not  
24 intended to help preserve the life and health of the particular  
25 embryo subjected to risk. This term does not include in vitro

1 fertilization and accompanying embryo transfer to the body of a  
2 female, nor any diagnostic test which may assist in the future care  
3 of a child subjected to the tests, nor the extraction of adult stem  
4 cells.

5 C. No person shall:

6 1. Knowingly conduct nontherapeutic research that destroys a  
7 human embryo or subjects a human embryo to substantial risk of  
8 injury or death;

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

11 3. Use for research purposes cells or tissues that the person  
12 knows were obtained by performing activities in violation of this  
13 section.

14 D. Any person found violating the provisions of subsection C of  
15 this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor  
16 punishable by incarceration in the county jail for a term not to  
17 exceed one (1) year.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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