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S.B. No. 721

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prohibiting the disbursement of certain economic and
3 tax incentives to entities that assist, refer, or otherwise
4 encourage a woman to obtain an abortion.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section [480.0051](#), Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 480.0051. EVENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING. An event is
9 eligible for funding under this chapter only if:

10 (1) a site selection organization, after considering
11 through a highly competitive selection process one or more sites
12 not in this state, selects a site in this state for the event to be
13 held:

14 (A) one time; or

15 (B) if the event is scheduled under an event
16 contract or event support contract to be held each year for a period
17 of years, one time in each year;

18 (2) a site selection organization selects a site in
19 this state as:

20 (A) the sole site for the event; or

21 (B) the sole site for the event in a region
22 composed of this state and one or more adjoining states; ~~and~~

23 (3) the event is held not more than one time in any
24 year in this state or an adjoining state; and

1 (4) the event is not organized by a local organizing
2 committee, endorsing municipality, or endorsing county that
3 assists, refers, or otherwise encourages a woman to obtain an
4 abortion.

5 SECTION 2. Section 481.078(e-1), Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (e-1) To be eligible to receive a grant under this section,
8 the entity must:

9 (1) be in good standing under the laws of the state in
10 which the entity was formed or organized, as evidenced by a
11 certificate issued by the secretary of state or the state official
12 having custody of the records pertaining to entities or other
13 organizations formed under the laws of that state; ~~and~~

14 (2) owe no delinquent taxes to a taxing unit of this
15 state; and

16 (3) not assist, refer, or otherwise encourage a woman
17 to obtain an abortion.

18 SECTION 3. Section 489.212, Government Code, is amended by
19 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

20 (c) Money in the project account of the small business fund
21 may not be used to provide financing to a small business that
22 assists, refers, or otherwise encourages a woman to obtain an
23 abortion.

24 SECTION 4. Section 2303.402, Government Code, is amended by
25 adding Subsection (b) to read as follows:

26 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
27 person is not a qualified business if the person assists, refers, or

1 otherwise encourages a woman to obtain an abortion.

2 SECTION 5. Section 303.003, Labor Code, is amended by
3 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

4 (c-1) Money from the skills development fund may not be
5 provided to an entity that assists, refers, or otherwise encourages
6 a woman to obtain an abortion.

7 SECTION 6. Chapter 301, Tax Code, is amended by adding
8 Section 301.005 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 301.005. INELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN BUSINESS ENTITIES
10 FOR TAX INCENTIVES. (a) In this section:

11 (1) "Business entity" means any entity recognized by
12 law through which business is conducted, including a sole
13 proprietorship, partnership, firm, corporation, limited liability
14 company, holding company, joint stock company, receivership, or
15 trust, that employs one or more employees.

16 (2) "Tax incentive" means an abatement, credit,
17 discount, exclusion, exemption, limitation on appraised value,
18 refund, special valuation, special accounting treatment, special
19 appraisal method or provision, special rate, or special method of
20 reporting authorized by state law or the state constitution that
21 relates to a tax to which this title applies.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a
23 business entity is ineligible to receive a tax incentive if the
24 entity assists, refers, or otherwise encourages a woman to obtain
25 an abortion.

26 SECTION 7. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
27 a loan, grant, or designation made, a tax incentive received, or an

1 agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.
2 A loan, grant, or designation made, a tax incentive received, or an
3 agreement entered into before the effective date of this Act is
4 governed by the law in effect on the date the loan, grant, or
5 designation was made, the incentive was received, or the agreement
6 was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that
7 purpose.

8 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.