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RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund

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SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit a person, entity, or association from offering or accepting money or anything of value for an aborted fetus or any portion of an aborted fetus and provide criminal penalties for any violation.

Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, prohibits a general law whose purpose or effect would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local funds from becoming effective with regard to a local governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote unless: it comes within one of a number of specified exceptions; it is approved by the affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to the entity for the purpose.

The purpose or effect of this bill would be to require a new or increased expenditure of local
funds within the meaning of the amendment. However, the bill does not require approval of a local governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to become effective because it comes within one of the specified exceptions contained in the amendment.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to aborted fetuses; to prohibit a person, entity, or association from offering or accepting money or anything of value for an aborted fetus; any portion of an aborted fetus and provide criminal penalties for any violation; and in connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) No person, entity, or association shall offer money or anything of value for an aborted fetus or any portion of an aborted fetus; nor shall any person, entity, or association accept any money or anything of value for an aborted fetus or any portion of an aborted fetus.
(b) A violation of this section is punishable as a Class B felony.

Section 2. Although this bill would have as its purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further requirements and application under Amendment 621, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an existing crime.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.