

Representative J. Morgan Philpot proposes the following substitute bill:

**PROHIBITION OF PUBLIC FUNDING FOR
ABORTION**

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STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: J. Morgan Philpot

This act modifies the offenses against the family section of the Utah Criminal Code. The act prohibits the state and political subdivisions from using public funds for the performance of an abortion, and provides a penalty.

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

76-7-326, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-7-326** is enacted to read:

76-7-326. Public funding of abortion forbidden.

(1) Public funds of the state, its institutions, or its political subdivisions may not be used to pay or otherwise reimburse, either directly or indirectly, any person, agency, or facility for the performance of any induced abortion service, unless:

(a) in the professional judgment of the pregnant woman's attending physician, the abortion is necessary to save the pregnant woman's life; or

(b) the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest reported to law enforcement agencies, unless the woman was unable to report the crime for physical reasons or fear of retaliation.

(2) If a state agency violates Subsection (1), the Legislature may eliminate any or all of the public funds provided to the state agency.

(3) Any person who knowingly authorizes the use of the funds prohibited by this section is guilty of a class B misdemeanor. If the offender is an officer or employee of the



26 state, he shall be dismissed from his office or position and his employment terminated.