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**Alliance for Life**

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## 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature Goals

### **Ban Partial-Birth Abortions & Sale of Organs and Tissues of Unborn Babies**

(SB 8, Schwertner/HB 200, Burkett)

- Ban on partial-birth abortion (identical to the federal ban upheld in *Gonzales v. Carhart*, 2007), not a ban on dismemberment abortions.
- Ban the sale or donation of tissues and organs after an abortion; ban research on tissues and organs of victims of elective abortion by public and private institutions.

### **Humane Treatment Unborn Babies' Bodies** (SB258, Huffines & HB 35, Cook)

- Codify DSHS-like rules for disposition of the remains of victims of elective abortion.

### **Improve Abortion Facility Regulations**

(SB 1602, Campbell/HB 2962, Capriglione)

- Increased reporting of abortion complications by providers and by providers of follow-up care (licensed abortion facilities, ASCs, hospitals, stand alone ERs).

### **Wrongful Birth Lawsuits** (SB 25, Creighton/HB 434, Simmons)

- Ban wrongful birth lawsuits.

### **Forced Abortions and Sex Trafficking** (SB 1377, Buckingham/HB 2858, Burns)

- Protect woman and girls from forced abortions, especially in the course of human sex trafficking.

### **Stop State and Local Abortion Subsidies** (SB 855, Campbell/HB 1936, Springer)

- Prohibit state and local governments from entering into contracts with abortion providers or affiliates.

## **Promote Alternatives to Abortion through Self Sufficiency (SB 1/HB 1)**

- **Appropriations Act – HHSC D.1.2 STRATEGY:**

### ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION

#### **Defund Planned Parenthood**

- Continue to prevent Planned Parenthood from using women's health services funds.
- Make Planned Parenthood ineligible from Medicaid (will also require a change of federal law).

#### **Enhanced Penalties for Assault of a Pregnant Woman (HB 2316, Capriglione & HB 3539, Landgraf)**

- Provide greater protection to pregnant woman. Prosecutors need this legislation to prosecute offenders who assault a pregnant woman.

#### **Protect Victims of Rape (SB 77, Nelson/HB 1766, Alvarado & HB 1812, Dale)**

- Easier termination of paternity rights of a rapist.

#### **Insurance (SB 20, L. Taylor/HB1113, Smithee)**

- Remove mandatory coverage for elective abortion in health insurance plans.

#### **Ethics**

- Require corporations to report donors of large contributions for political ads.

#### **Avoid These Pitfalls**

- “[u]necessary health regulations that have the purpose or effect of presenting a substantial obstacle to a woman seeking an abortion or impose an undue burden on that right.” (*Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, 1992.)
  - Ban on abortions before “viability” of the unborn child (~23 weeks).
  - Ban on “dismemberment abortions.” (Will not be upheld by the federal courts.)