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## *Bill Analysis*

*Legislative Service Commission*

### **H.B. 86**

127th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps. Wachtmann, Brinkman, Latta, Seitz, Hottinger, Schneider, Setzer, Dodd, Wolpert, Goodwin, Fessler, Bupp, Collier, Combs, Wagoner, Wagner, J. McGregor, Huffman**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Prohibits the state from offering, sponsoring, or endorsing for individual purchase a health insurance policy, contract, or plan that covers nontherapeutic abortions.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Under existing law, funds of the state may not be expended, directly or indirectly, to pay the costs, premiums, or charges associated with a policy, contract, or plan if the policy, contract, or plan provides coverage, benefits, or services related to a nontherapeutic abortion.<sup>1</sup> This prohibition applies notwithstanding other conflicting provisions of Ohio law except that the prohibition does not apply to a policy, contract, or plan that includes a rider that, if accepted by an individual, covers nontherapeutic abortions.<sup>2</sup>

In addition to the prohibition in existing law explained above, the bill prohibits the state from offering, sponsoring, or endorsing for individual purchase

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<sup>1</sup> "Nontherapeutic abortion" means an abortion that is performed or induced when the life of the mother would not be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or where the pregnancy was not the result of rape or incest reported to a law enforcement agency. (R.C. 124.85(A).)

<sup>2</sup> Current law does not preclude the state from expending funds to pay the costs, premiums, or charges associated with a policy, contract, or plan that includes a rider or other provision under which an individual official or employee may obtain coverage for a nontherapeutic abortion. However, the individual covered must pay for all of the costs, premiums, or charges associated with the rider or other provision, including all administrative expenses related to the rider or provision and any claim made for a nontherapeutic abortion.

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## **HISTORY**

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