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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would create the crime of human cloning and provide that a violation is a Class C felony.

This bill would also provide that the prohibitions created by this act do not restrict certain scientific research and assisted reproductive treatment, provided that those practices do not involve human cloning.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to human cloning; to create the crime of human cloning; and to provide criminal penalties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. For the purposes of this act, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) EMBRYO. An organism of the species homo sapiens from the single cell stage to eight weeks of development. This term includes an embryo that is derived by fertilization, parthenogenesis, human cloning, or any other means from one or more human gametes or human diploid cells.



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29 (2) FETUS. An organism of the species homo sapiens from
30 eight weeks of development until complete expulsion or
31 extraction from a woman's body, removal from an artificial
32 womb, or other similar environment designed to nurture the
33 development of the organism.

34 (3) HUMAN CLONING. a. The process of human asexual
35 reproduction, accomplished by:

36 1. Introducing the genetic material from one or more
37 human somatic cells into a fertilized or unfertilized oocyte
38 whose nuclear material has been removed or inactivated so as
39 to produce a living organism, at any stage of development,
40 that is genetically virtually identical to an existing or
41 previously existing human organism;

42 2. Artificially subdividing a human embryo at any time
43 from the two-cell stage onward resulting in more than one
44 human organism;

45 3. Introducing pluripotent stem cells from any source
46 into a human embryo or artificially manufactured human embryo
47 or trophoblast under conditions where the introduced cells
48 generate all or most of the body tissues of the
49 fully-developed living organism; or

50 4. Genetically modifying human skin cells or organisms
51 into viable oocyte or sperm with genetic material from the
52 same source as the oocyte or sperm used in reproduction to
53 create an embryo.

54 b. This term does not apply to in vitro fertilization,
55 the administration of fertility-enhancing drugs, or other
56 procedures used to assist a woman in becoming or remaining



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57 pregnant, unless performed with specific intent to result in
58 the gestation or birth of a child genetically identical to
59 another embryo, fetus, or human being, living or dead.

60 (4) OOCYTE. The human female germ cell, the egg.

61 (5) SOMATIC CELL. A diploid cell, having a complete set
62 of chromosomes, obtained or derived from a living or deceased
63 human body at any stage of development.

64 Section 2. (a) A person commits the crime of human
65 cloning if the person intentionally does any of the following:

66 (1) Performs or attempts to perform human cloning.

67 (2) Participates in an attempt to perform human
68 cloning.

69 (3) Ships, transfers, or receives for any purpose an
70 embryo produced by human cloning.

71 (4) Ships, transfers, or receives, in whole or in part,
72 any oocyte, embryo, fetus, or human somatic cell for the
73 purpose of human cloning.

74 (b) A violation of this section is a Class C felony.

75 Section 3. This act does not restrict areas of
76 scientific research not specifically prohibited by this act,
77 including research into the use of nuclear transfer or other
78 cloning techniques to produce molecules, deoxyribonucleic
79 acid, cells other than embryos, tissues, organs, plants, or
80 animals other than humans.

81 Section 4. This act shall become effective on October
82 1, 2026.