

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

The CS for SJR 17 submits to the people a constitutional amendment that provides protections to unborn persons. An unborn person is defined as the unborn offspring of human beings from the moment of conception, through pregnancy and until live birth including the human conceptus, zygote, morula, blastocyst, embryo, and fetus. The CS also defines abortion as the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance or device intentionally to terminate the pregnancy of a female known to be pregnant with an intention other than to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live birth, to remove an ectopic pregnancy, or to remove a dead unborn child who died as the result of a spontaneous miscarriage, accidental trauma, or a criminal assault on the pregnant female or her unborn child. The measure prohibits the performance of abortions in the state of an unborn person in utero unless it is necessary to prevent the death of a pregnant woman. Persons who convicted of violating this provision shall be guilty of manslaughter in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree.

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