

## Interim Hearings - Week of July 27, 2015

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**Today's Committee Meetings** on the LRL website is a calendar of interim committee hearings with links to agendas. Below are resources related to upcoming Interim Hearings.

#### July 29th

##### Senate Committee on **Health & Human Services**

Charge: Examine the business practices and regulatory structure of Planned Parenthood affiliates in Texas, and investigate whether state or federal laws are being broken by Planned Parenthood and/or its affiliates in Texas in regards to the donation and/or sale of fetal tissue. Consider recommendations to strengthen regulations on abortion providers, including further restrictions on the sale of fetal tissue by these entities.

- **"Scientists Say Fetal Tissue Research Rare, But Potentially Powerful,"** *Houston Chronicle*, July 19, 2015
- **"State Leaders Order Investigations Into Fetal Organ Preservation,"** *Texas Tribune*, July 15, 2015
- Texas Penal Code § 48.02, Prohibition of the Purchase and Sale of Human Organs
- **42 U.S. Code § 289g**, Fetal Research, § 289g-1, Research on Transplantation of Fetal Tissue, and § 289g-2, Prohibitions Regarding Human Fetal Tissue
- **45 C.F.R. §§ 46.201-46.207**, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Additional Protections for Pregnant Women, Human Fetuses and Neonates Involved in Research

#### July 30th

##### House Committee on **County Affairs**

Topic: Jail standards, procedures with regards to potentially mentally ill persons in county jails, as well as issues stemming from interactions between the general public and peace officers.

- **"Jail Where Sandra Bland Died has History of State Rules Violations,"** *Dallas Morning News*, July 23, 2015
- **Waller County Jail, Special Inspection Report**, Texas Commission on Jail

Standards, July 16, 2015

- Texas Code of Criminal Procedure [Art. 16.22](#), Early Identification of Defendant Suspected of Having Mental Illness or Mental Retardation
- Texas Local Government Code [§§ 351.001 et seq.](#), County Jail Facilities, Jail Standards
- [Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Part 9](#) (Minimum Jail Standards), Texas Commission on Jail Standards/Texas Secretary of State
- [Flow Chart Describing Article 16.22 Requirements](#), Texas Commission on Jail Standards