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[H. Con. Res. 79, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719](#)

FLOOR SITUATION

On Wednesday, September 30, 2015, the House will consider [H. Con. Res. 79](#), a concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719. H. Con. Res. 79 was introduced on September 29, 2015 by Rep. Martha Roby (R-AL) and was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition, to the Committee on House Administration.

SUMMARY

H. Con. Res. 79 directs the clerk of the House of Representatives to make several corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 719, the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016, including by adding at end the text of the House-passed version of [H.R. 3134](#), the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015.

BACKGROUND

The process of preparing a bill for the President's signature is referred to as enrollment. The enrollment process includes ensuring that the official text is the exact text passed by both houses and the printing of the dually-adopted final version on parchment paper. The enrolled bill is then given to the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, or their designees, for signature. The Clerk of the House of Representatives oversees the enrollment process in the House and the Secretary of the Senate performs a complimentary role in the Senate.¹

The most common type of enrollment correction occurs when the bill is correctly enrolled by the Clerk and Secretary, but includes an error in the underlying legislative language passed by both the House and Senate. In this instance, both the House and Senate must pass a concurrent resolution directing the enrolling official to "correct" the enrollment.² If either chamber fails to do so, the enrolled bill remains uncorrected.

¹ House Committee on Rules—"Basic Training: The Final Steps: Enrollment, Enactment, and Vetoes," November 14, 2011 at 1.

² Id.

The House passed H.R. 3134 by vote of [241 to 187](#) on September 18, 2015. The bill precludes any federal funds from being authorized or appropriated for one-year, for any purpose, to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate or clinic of that organization, unless such entities certify that those affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs an abortion during such period.

The bill provides an exception for an abortion if the pregnancy is the result of rape, incest, or in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself.

The bill also requires recoupment of any federal funds received by Planned Parenthood or any of its affiliates or clinics received in violation of the certification process established by the bill during the one-year funding prohibition period. The one-year funding moratorium begins on the date of the bill's enactment.

Finally, the bill redirects funding from Planned Parenthood facilities to Federally Qualified Health Centers (Community Health Centers) to provide women's health services.

Click [here](#) for the previous Legislative Digest on H.R. 3134.

COST

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) cost estimate is currently unavailable.

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