



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 6078

LCO No. 5492



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF EMERGENCY
CONTRACEPTION ON THE CAMPUSES OF INSTITUTIONS OF
HIGHER EDUCATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than October 1, 2025, the
2 president of each institution of higher education, as defined in section
3 10a-55 of the general statutes, shall appoint a reproductive health care
4 committee for each campus of such institution with at least one
5 representative of the student body, administration and health care
6 providers, if any, of such campus. Each committee shall conduct an
7 assessment of its campus to determine whether there is any need to
8 install one or more vending machines selling emergency contraceptives
9 on such campus. If the committee determines that there is such a need,
10 the committee (1) shall develop a plan for the installation of one or more
11 such vending machines, and (2), on or after January 1, 2026, may submit
12 an application to the Office of Higher Education, in a form and manner
13 prescribed by the Commissioner of Higher Education, to apply for a
14 one-time grant under the grant program established pursuant to section
15 2 of this act to offset the costs of such installation.

16 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Office

17 of Higher Education shall establish a grant program to provide one-time
 18 funding to institutions of higher education, as defined in section 10a-55
 19 of the general statutes, to offset the costs of installing vending machines
 20 selling emergency contraceptives pursuant to the plan developed by the
 21 reproductive health committee of each campus of each institution of
 22 higher education pursuant to section 1 of this act. Grants under such
 23 grant program shall be available on a one-time and first-come, first-
 24 served basis to each such institution and in an amount prescribed by the
 25 Commissioner of Higher Education for each vending machine included
 26 in such plan, based on total available funding. Such grant program shall
 27 terminate when all funds allocated for such purpose are exhausted. On
 28 or before January 1, 2026, said office shall post in a conspicuous location
 29 on its Internet web site (1) a description of such grant program,
 30 including, but not limited to, the amount of the grant for each vending
 31 machine available to such institutions, and (2) the application form for
 32 such grant program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To provide a one-time grant to institutions of higher education to install a vending machine that offers emergency contraceptives on campus based on a plan developed by students, administrators and any on-campus medical providers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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