

General Assembly

## Substitute Bill No. 6078

January Session, 2025

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## 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, may 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.

Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Office
of Higher Education shall establish a grant program to provide one-time
funding to institutions of higher education, as defined in section 10a-55

of the general statutes, to offset the costs of installing vending machines 19 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<br/>sections:Section 1July 1, 2025New sectionSec. 2July 1, 2025New section

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