

HOUSE BILL 477

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By: **Delegates Kelly and Smith**

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Assigned to: Appropriations and Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Senior Higher Education Institutions – Reproductive Health Services**
3 **Plans – Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, on or before a certain date, each public senior higher
5 education institution, in consultation with students, to develop and implement a
6 reproductive health services plan; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on
7 request, to provide assistance to a public senior higher education institution in
8 developing the plan; and generally relating to reproductive health services and
9 public senior higher education institutions.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education
12 Section 15–136
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 **15–136.**

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION”
20 HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10–101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

21 (B) (1) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2024, EACH PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER
22 EDUCATION INSTITUTION, IN CONSULTATION WITH STUDENTS, SHALL DEVELOP AND
23 IMPLEMENT A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PLAN TO PROVIDE AT THE PUBLIC

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OR TO REFER STUDENTS TO A
2 COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.

3 (2) THE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
4 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

5 (I) THE PROVISION OF OR REFERRAL TO OFF-CAMPUS
6 SERVICES FOR OBTAINING:

7 1. ALL METHODS OF FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG
8 ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED CONTRACEPTION, INCLUDING PRESCRIPTION
9 EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION;

10 2. PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR
11 SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, INCLUDING HIV PREVENTION; AND

12 3. ABORTION CARE SERVICES;

13 (II) 24-HOUR ACCESS TO OVER-THE-COUNTER
14 CONTRACEPTION THROUGH THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER, RETAIL
15 ESTABLISHMENTS ON CAMPUS, OR VENDING MACHINES;

16 (III) THE AVAILABILITY OF EVIDENCE-BASED REPRODUCTIVE
17 HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER, PEER
18 EDUCATORS, OR OTHER HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS;

19 (IV) DEVELOPMENT OF A REFERRAL NETWORK OF OFF-CAMPUS
20 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDERS, INCLUDING PHARMACIES,
21 LOCATED WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE CAMPUS; AND

22 (V) ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION OR OTHER WRAPAROUND
23 SERVICES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS USING OFF-CAMPUS REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH
24 SERVICES.

25 (3) A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION SHALL
26 UPDATE THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER THIS
27 SUBSECTION EACH YEAR.

28 (C) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ON REQUEST, SHALL
29 PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO A PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION IN
30 DEVELOPING A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PLAN UNDER THIS SECTION.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
32 1, 2023.