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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Public Senior Higher Education Institutions – Reproductive Health Services 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.

IN THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION"

EDUCATION INSTITUTION, IN CONSULTATION WITH STUDENTS, SHALL DEVELOP AND

IMPLEMENT A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PLAN TO PROVIDE AT THE PUBLIC

ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2024, EACH PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10–101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

[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.