

SENATE BILL 532

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By: **Senators Kagan and Feldman**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education Institutions – Over-the-Counter Contraception – Access and**
3 **Reporting**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each public senior higher education institution and
5 community college to submit a certain report on contraception access to the
6 Maryland Higher Education Commission each year; requiring the Commission to
7 submit a certain report on contraception access to the General Assembly each year;
8 requiring each community college to provide students with access to all methods of
9 over-the-counter contraception; and generally relating to public senior higher
10 education institutions and community colleges and contraception access
11 requirements.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Education

14 Section 11–407.2

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Education

19 Section 16–111

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

25 **11–407.2.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
2 INDICATED.

3 (2) "COMMUNITY COLLEGE" MEANS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE
4 ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 16 OF THIS ARTICLE.

5 (3) "OVER-THE-COUNTER CONTRACEPTION" MEANS A
6 CONTRACEPTIVE DRUG OR DEVICE APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG
7 ADMINISTRATION THAT CAN BE OBTAINED FOR USE WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION.

8 (4) (I) "PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION"
9 MEANS:

10 1. THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE
11 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND;

12 2. MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; OR

13 3. ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND.

14 (II) "PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION" DOES
15 NOT INCLUDE:

16 1. THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR
17 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE; OR

18 2. THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GLOBAL CAMPUS.

19 (B) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, AND EACH SEPTEMBER 1
20 THEREAFTER, ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION, EACH PUBLIC SENIOR
21 HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE SHALL SUBMIT A
22 REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON THE PROVISION OF OVER-THE-COUNTER
23 CONTRACEPTION ON CAMPUS, INCLUDING:

24 (1) HOW STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED ACCESS TO OVER-THE-COUNTER
25 CONTRACEPTION ON CAMPUS;

26 (2) WHETHER THE PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION
27 OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS PROVIDED ACCESS TO ALL METHODS OF
28 OVER-THE-COUNTER CONTRACEPTION AS REQUIRED UNDER §§ 15-136 AND 16-111
29 OF THIS ARTICLE;

7 (C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER,
8 THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE
9 WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON THE INFORMATION
10 PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

11 16-111.

12 (a) In this section, "over-the-counter contraception" means a contraceptive drug
13 or device approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that can be obtained for
14 use without a prescription.

15 (b) (1) On or before August 1, 2025, each community college, in consultation
16 with students and student organizations, shall develop and implement a plan to provide
17 students with access to **ALL METHODS OF** over-the-counter contraception.

20 (i) The student health center;

21 (ii) Retail establishments on campus;

22 (iii) Vending machines; or

(iv) Any other method that provides all students access when on campus.

25 (c) [(1) On or before September 1, 2025, and each September 1 thereafter, on a
26 form provided by the Commission, each community college shall submit a report to the
27 Commission on implementation of the plan required under this section, including:

28 (i) How students are provided access to over-the-counter
29 contraception on campus;

30 (ii) Available information regarding the amount of over-the-counter
31 contraception provided on campus; and

(iii) A description of how the community college has consulted with students and student organizations to develop and implement the plan under this section.

7 (d)] The Maryland Department of Health, on request, may provide assistance to a
8 community college in:

9 (1) Developing a plan under this section; and

10 (2) Consulting and collaborating with organizations with expertise in
11 providing access to over-the-counter contraception through vending machines.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2026.