

House Appropriations Committee
March 3, 2026

HB 1076 – Higher Education Institutions - Over-the-Counter Contraception - Access and Reporting

Position: Favorable with Amendments

The Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC), representing Maryland’s 16 community colleges, supports the goal of ensuring that students have access to over-the-counter contraception and appreciates the sponsor’s continued focus on student health and well-being. Maryland’s community colleges are committed to supporting students’ basic needs and recognize that access to health resources is an important component of student success.

Legislation enacted in last year already requires each community college to develop and implement a plan, in consultation with students, to provide access to over-the-counter contraception and to report on implementation to the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Community colleges across the State are currently implementing these requirements and establishing sustainable access models that reflect campus structures, student needs, and available resources. As this work is ongoing, MACC believes it is important to allow time for full implementation and evaluation of the existing statutory requirements before additional reporting or statutory changes are enacted.

MACC looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the sponsor and the General Assembly to ensure that students have appropriate access to over-the-counter contraception and that implementation is effective and sustainable across all campuses. As these efforts continue under current law, MACC respectfully suggests that further statutory changes may not be necessary at this time and welcomes continued dialogue on how best to support students and assess progress under the recently enacted framework.

For these reasons, MACC respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** report **WITH AMENDMENTS** on **HB 1076** and stands ready to continue working with all partners to support student health and access across Maryland’s community colleges.

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