



Maryland Section

House Appropriations Committee
House Health Committee
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House Bill 1076 – *Higher Education Institutions – Over-the-Counter Contraception – Access and Reporting*

POSITION: SUPPORT

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Maryland Section (MD ACOG), which represents the Maryland physicians who serve the obstetrical and gynecological needs of Maryland women and their families, **supports** House Bill 1076.

This bill advances reproductive health equity by increasing transparency and access to over-the-counter contraception at Maryland’s public higher education institutions and community colleges. By requiring each institution to report annually to the Maryland Higher Education Commission on how students are provided access to over-the-counter contraception, whether all FDA-approved non-prescription methods are accessible, the amount of contraception made available, and how students were consulted in this process, House Bill 1076 helps ensure that colleges are actively addressing student reproductive health needs.

College-aged individuals face unique barriers to reproductive health care, including cost, transportation, scheduling limitations, and gaps in insurance coverage. Ready access to over-the-counter contraception is a safe strategy to reduce unintended pregnancy and support educational attainment and long-term health outcomes. Ensuring that community colleges provide access to all available nonprescription contraceptive methods reflects best clinical practice and promotes reproductive autonomy.

For these reasons, MD ACOG requests a favorable report on House Bill 1076.

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