
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
March 11, 2026

SB 532 – 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 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 working to implement these requirements and establish sustainable access models that reflect campus structures, student needs, and available resources. MACC understands that this legislation is intended to clarify the existing framework and appreciates the sponsor’s efforts to support implementation.

As this work continues, MACC believes it will be important to ensure that community colleges are able to implement these requirements in a manner that is both effective and cost-efficient for campuses. Continued collaboration with community colleges will help ensure that access models are sustainable and responsive to the diverse needs of students across Maryland’s campuses. 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 successful across all campuses.

For these reasons, MACC respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report on **SB 532** and stands ready to continue working with all partners to support student health and access across Maryland’s community colleges.

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