



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 331- 018  
 Resolution 331-

I, Sydney Thayer, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

- Approve  
 Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

The Subsidizing Sexual Health Resources, Pt. 2

Sydney Thayer

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: 9/13/23

331<sup>st</sup> Student Assembly,  
Senate Bill 331-018

A Bill

*To continue improving accessibility to emergency contraception and pregnancy tests*

**The Subsidizing Sexual Health Resources Act Pt. 2**

An Act of the 331st Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by President Mia Tilman ('24)

Co-Sponsored by

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WHEREAS, sexual health is an integral aspect of a student's overall wellness at William & Mary. In committing to supporting students and fostering healthy choices around contraception, it is important that we recognize the role of emergency contraception. In committing to supporting students' access to different reproductive health resources, it is important that we recognize how barriers to pregnancy test access can impact students' mental and social wellness. This bill would affirm the community and the Health Center's commitment to supporting students' health and providing crucial resources;

WHEREAS, acknowledging that primary contraception is most effective in preventing pregnancy, and emergency contraception cannot replace these methods. However, it is important to acknowledge the prevalence of unprotected sex and failure of other forms of birth control, and offer services to students in these situations;

WHEREAS, acknowledging that access to pregnancy testing is important, as early knowledge of pregnancy status can impact a student's reproductive health and developing embryo's health. Access to pregnancy tests in the Student Health Center can further facilitate a student's access to future prenatal or abortive services;

WHEREAS, students that face economic barriers or lack of transportation to access emergency contraception or pregnancy tests may have reduced autonomy regarding their sexual and reproductive health and experience a greater risk of unwanted or unknown pregnancy. The Student Health Center initiative to subsidize the cost of emergency contraception and pregnancy tests will help students of all identities and socioeconomic backgrounds gain equal access to emergency contraception and pregnancy tests;

WHEREAS, each dose of Levonorgestrel costs \$25 which can be a financial burden on students who need access to the pill in emergency and time-sensitive situations. The Student Health Center subsidizes the cost to \$20 but this can still often be financially inaccessible to students;

WHEREAS, Student Assembly subsidized the costs of emergency contraception to \$5 and fully subsidized the costs of the pregnancy tests last session;

WHEREAS, the 330th Session Senate allocated \$4500 for emergency contraception for the 2022-2023 academic year, of which \$3510 was used;

WHEREAS, the 330th Session Senate allocated \$375 for emergency contraception for the 2022-2023 academic year, of which \$295 was used;

WHEREAS, the Student Health Center has worked in collaboration with Student Assembly to provide Sexual Health-related resources in the past.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Charges sponsors and supporters of the bill to continue collaborating with the Student Health Center in subsidizing the cost to the student of emergency contraception to \$5 per dose, in which Student Assembly covers \$15 per dose of the Health Center's \$20 per dose cost;
2. Encourages sponsors and supporters of the bill to contact health-based recognized student organizations to advertise this subsidy;
3. Encourages sponsors and supporters of this bill to collaborate with health organizations and organizations with varying stances regarding emergency contraception to educate students and engage in informative dialogue;
4. Charges sponsors and supporters of this bill to continue working on the broader aim of this initiative by continuing to seek further options that accommodate the need for emergency contraception for students with all body types;
5. Charges Class Presidents to include information and costs of the tests and availability in upcoming email communication to each class;
6. Request the Student Health Center collect and share data on the use of the emergency contraceptives and pregnancy tests and if applicable, how much more is needed to ensure efficient allocation in the future;
7. Allocates \$4,850 from the Student Assembly Reserves to the Student Health Center for the 2023-2024 Academic Year:
  - a. **\$350 for the cost of 70 pregnancy tests**
  - b. **\$4,500 to subsidize the costs of 300 emergency contraception (Levonorgestrel) doses;**
8. Stipulates that all unused funds will return to the Student Assembly Reserves.

Breakdown FY22 & FY23 breakdown

**Plan B**

<b>Allocated</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>Spent</b>	<b>\$3,510.00</b>
<b>Units</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Remained</b>	<b>\$990.00</b>

**Pregnancy Test**

<b>Allocated</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>
<b>Spent</b>	<b>\$295.00</b>
<b>Units</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Remained</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>

Presidential Email

Following an expiration of funds at the end of the 22-23 academic year, Student Assembly is once again subsidizing the cost of the emergency contraceptive Levonorgestrel (Plan B) and pregnancy tests in the Student Health Center. Plan B will cost \$5 and pregnancy tests will be free. You can get the Plan B or pregnancy tests from the Pharmacy in the Health Center and pay on the spot or add the charge to your Student Account the way you can with other medication from the W&M Pharmacy.

We strongly encourage you to do research or contact your healthcare provider for information on the effectiveness and potential side effects of Levonorgestrel based on someone's medical history, medication, weight, and more. Recommended resources include:

- <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/morning-after-pill-emergency-contraception/which-kind-emergency-contraception-should-i-use>