



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

Senate Bill 330-

Resolution 330-

I, John Cho, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

Approve

Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

President, 330th Student Assembly (22-23)

DATE:

330th Student Assembly,
Senate Bill 330-006

A Bill

To improve accessibility to emergency contraception and pregnancy tests

The Subsidizing Sexual Health Resources Act

An Act of the 330th Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by President Mia Tilman ('24)

Co-Sponsored by Senator Gloriana Cubero Fernandez ('24)

Supported by Secretary of Health & Safety Emma Herber ('23), Undersecretary of Sexual Health Redeit Hailu ('24), President of Vox: Planned Parenthood Generation Action Becca Gaylin ('23)

WHEREAS, sexual and reproductive 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. The Plan B subsidization was especially popular with nearly 93% of our allocated funds being used throughout the final four months of the 21-22 academic year;

WHEREAS, approximately \$1,400 and \$165 were used to subsidize Plan B and pregnancy tests respectively between December 2021 and May 2022;

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, where 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 future email communication to each class;
6. Charges the Department of Outreach with running an informational campaign on the Student Assembly Instagram informing students of the resources being available again.
7. 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;
8. Allocates \$3,375 from the Student Assembly Reserves to the Student Health Center for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.:
 - a. **\$375 for the cost of 75 pregnancy tests**
 - b. **\$3,000 to subsidize the costs of 200 emergency contraception (Levonorgestrel) doses;**
9. Stipulates that all unused funds will return to the Student Assembly Reserves.