



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

Senate Bill 329-

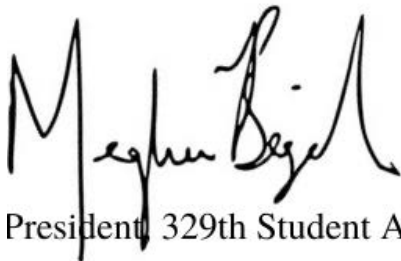
Resolution 329-

I, Meghana Boojala, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

Approve

Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:



Meghana Boojala

President, 329th Student Assembly (21-22)

DATE:

329th Student Assembly,
Senate Bill 329-021

A Bill

To improve accessibility to emergency contraception

The Subsidized Emergency Contraception Act

An Act of the 329th Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Mia Tilman ('24) and Senator Jahnavi Prabhala ('22)

Supported by Secretary of Health & Safety Amelia Grossman ('22), Undersecretary of Sexual Health Natalie Zyblut ('22), Dr. David Dafashy, Dr. Nancy Moul

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

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.

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 current \$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 the Department of Outreach with creating and running an informational campaign to increase student awareness of this resource on campus. Information will include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Health guidelines on who the emergency contraception pill Levonorgestrel is effective for and what body types the medication is less/not effective for,
 - b. How to acquire the emergency contraceptives and what to expect at the Student Health Center,
 - c. The cost for students to purchase the emergency contraceptives at the Student Health Center and other locations that students can purchase it from should they choose to not use this resource,
 - d. The potential side effects of the emergency contraceptive,
 - e. How safe sexual practices can proactively avoid the need for emergency contraceptives and where to get them on campus;
6. Request the Student Health Center collect and share data on the use of the emergency contraceptives and if applicable, how much more is needed to ensure efficient allocation in the future;
7. Allocates \$1507 from the Student Assembly Reserves to the Student Health Center for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:
 - a. **\$7 for flyers,**
 - b. **\$1,500 to subsidize the costs of 100 emergency contraception (Levonorgestrel) doses;**
8. Stipulates that all unused funds will return to the Student Assembly Reserves.