



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

Senate Bill 329-

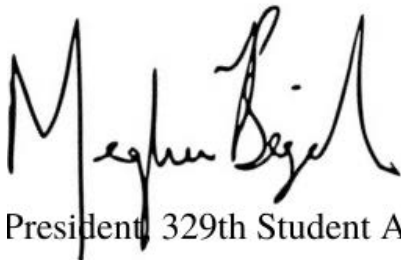
Resolution 329-

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 329-025

A Bill

To improve accessibility to pregnancy testing

The Subsidized Pregnancy Testing 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), the Undersecretary of Sexual Health Natalie Zyblut ('22), Dr. David Dafashy, Nancy Moul

WHEREAS, reproductive health is an integral aspect of a student's overall wellness at William & Mary. 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 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 accessing pregnancy tests may have reduced autonomy regarding their reproductive health and experience greater risk of unknown and untreated pregnancy. The Student Health Center initiative to subsidize the cost of pregnancy tests will help students of all identities and socioeconomic backgrounds gain equal access to pregnancy tests;

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 fully subsidizing the cost of pregnancy tests;
2. Encourages sponsors and supporters of the bill to contact health-based recognized student organizations to advertise this subsidy;
3. Charges the Department of Outreach with creating and running an informational campaign to increase student awareness of this resource on campus;

4. Encourages the Student Health Center and sponsors to conduct a data collection on the use of the pregnancy tests and if applicable, how much more is needed to ensure efficient allocation in the future;
5. Allocates \$1547 from the Student Assembly Reserves to the Student Health Center for the 2021-2022 school year:
 - a. **\$7 for flyers**
 - b. **\$40 to print resource information to be attached to the pregnancy tests**
 - c. **\$1,500 for the cost of 300 pregnancy tests**
6. Stipulates that all unused funds will return to the Student Assembly Reserves.