

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 1108

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LCO No. **3911**

Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by: (HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE BY STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Residential campus" means any campus of a public institution of
higher education with housing, as defined in section 10a-55 of the
general statutes; and

5 (2) "Reproductive health care services" has the same meaning as 6 provided in section 52-571m of the general statutes.

7 (b) Not later than January 1, 2024, the Board of Regents for Higher 8 Education and the Board of Trustees of The University of Connecticut 9 shall establish, and update as necessary, a plan for each residential 10 campus under said boards' jurisdiction that provides for access to 11 reproductive health care services by students who live on such 12 residential campus. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, 13 (1) the availability of equipment and personnel for the provision of

14 reproductive health care services on the residential campus or in the 15 surrounding community, (2) the provision of referrals for and 16 transportation services to access reproductive health care services at any 17 off-campus location, (3) opportunities for providing reproductive health 18 care services or other associated services, including, but not limited to, 19 counseling services, through telehealth, (4) means for ensuring 20 continuity of care during holiday and vacation periods during and 21 between semesters, and (5) an estimate of the costs associated with 22 implementing such plan and the availability of funds, through public 23 and private sources, to cover such costs.

24 (c) Not later than thirty days after establishing or updating a plan for 25 each residential campus pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the 26 Board of Regents for Higher Education and the Board of Trustees of The 27 University of Connecticut shall (1) each submit, in accordance with the 28 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, such plan to the joint 29 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of 30 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement, 31 and (2) post such plan on its Internet web site and the Internet web site 32 of the public institution of higher education associated with each 33 residential campus.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:Section 1July 1, 2023New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require public institutions of higher education that have residential campuses to establish a plan for access to reproductive health care services by students.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]