



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 151**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1108

*Senate, March 21, 2023*

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. SLAP of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***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:
- 2 (1) "Residential campus" means any campus of a public institution of  
3 higher education with housing, as defined in section 10a-55 of the  
4 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 to provide access for students  
11 who live on such residential campus to reproductive health care services  
12 from a health care provider licensed to provide such services. Such plan

13 shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) the availability of equipment  
 14 and licensed health care providers for the provision of reproductive  
 15 health care services on the residential campus or in the surrounding  
 16 community, (2) the provision of referrals for and transportation services  
 17 to access reproductive health care services at any off-campus location,  
 18 (3) opportunities for providing reproductive health care services or  
 19 other associated services, including, but not limited to, counseling  
 20 services, through telehealth, (4) means for ensuring continuity of care  
 21 during holiday and vacation periods during and between semesters, (5)  
 22 an estimate of the costs associated with implementing such plan and the  
 23 availability of funds, through public and private sources, to cover such  
 24 costs, and (6) the provision of information and materials about  
 25 pregnancy being a qualifying event for health insurance coverage in the  
 26 state.

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

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

**HED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Board of Regents and the University of Connecticut to establish and update a plan to provide reproductive health care services from a licensed health care provider for students who live on residential campuses. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as the constituent units have the staff and expertise necessary to do so.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1108*****AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE BY STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR) and the UConn Board of Trustees (BOT), by January 1, 2024, to establish and update as needed a plan to provide reproductive health care services from a licensed health care provider for students who live on residential campuses (i.e., any public higher education institution campus with housing) under the boards' jurisdiction. The plan must include:

1. the availability of equipment and licensed health care providers to provide reproductive health care services on the residential campus or in the surrounding community;
2. opportunities for providing reproductive health care or other associated services, including telehealth counseling services;
3. means for ensuring continuity of care during holiday and vacation periods and between semesters; and
4. an estimate of the costs associated with plan implementation and the availability of public and private funding sources to cover the costs.

The plan must also provide (1) referrals for, and transportations to, access the required health care services at any off-campus location and (2) information and materials about pregnancy being a qualifying life event for health insurance coverage in the state.

Under the bill and existing law, “reproductive health care services” include all medical, surgical, counseling, or referral services relating to the human reproductive system, including services relating to pregnancy, contraception, or pregnancy termination, and all medical care relating to the treatment of gender dysphoria.

The bill requires BOR and BOT, within 30 days of establishing or updating the plan, to (1) submit it to the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, and (2) post it on its website and the website of the public higher education institution associated with each residential campus.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18    Nay 4    (03/07/2023)