

OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

Legislative Office Building, Room 5200
Hartford, CT 06106 ◊ (860) 240-0200
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa>

HB-5197

AN ACT ALLOWING EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION TO BE SOLD AND DISPENSED VIA VENDING MACHINES LOCATED AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Potential Cost	107,259	107,715
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Potential Cost	42,075	43,126
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows emergency contraception to be sold in vending machines on a higher education institution's campus resulting in a potential cost to the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) of \$107,259 in FY 24 and \$107,715 in FY 25, along with corresponding fringe benefit potential costs of \$42,075 in FY 24 and \$43,126 in FY 25.

To meet the requirements of the bill DCP may have to hire one drug control agent depending on the number of permits issued, number of machines installed, and the number of complaints. If numerous machines are installed a drug control agent is needed perform inspections of the machines, manage complaints, and issue fines for

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 42.82% of payroll in FY 24.

Primary Analyst: ME
Contributing Analyst(s):
Reviewer: RP

3/28/23

violations.

To the extent permits are issued and a fee is charged there is a potential revenue gain to the state.² The bill also creates a fine of up to \$1,000 for any violations resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent violations occur.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of permits issued, violations, and inflation.

² The bill does not specify a permit type, or an application fee associated with these vending machines.