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HOUSE BILL 26-1335

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ACCESS TO ABORTION MEDICATION SERVICES ON**
102 **COLORADO COLLEGE CAMPUSES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires an institution of higher education (institution) that operates a student health center to provide on-site abortion medication services through the student health center.

The bill requires an institution that has an on-site pharmacy to maintain a stock of abortion medication to dispense to students enrolled at the institution.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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SENATE
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SENATE
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HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
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HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 24, 2026

The bill requires an institution that does not have an on-site pharmacy to either submit a prescription for abortion medication to a pharmacy located off campus or dispense abortion medication through the institution's student health center if permitted by the student health center's licensure.

An institution is not required to provide access to or stock abortion medication if doing so would conflict with the institution's bona fide religious beliefs or practices.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Access to reproductive health care is a fundamental right for
5 every individual in Colorado under the state constitution;

6 (b) The state equal rights amendment, or ERA, article II, section
7 29 of the state constitution, establishes that "[e]quality of rights under the
8 law shall not be denied or abridged by the state of Colorado or any of its
9 political subdivisions on account of sex";

10 (c) Gender equality is fundamental to ensure full participation in
11 society for all individuals, and true equality cannot be achieved without
12 access to reproductive health care, including abortion;

13 (d) Despite the state ERA, sex discrimination in Colorado persists,
14 including discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and
15 pregnancy, resulting in inequitable access to reproductive health care,
16 including abortion;

17 (e) Institutions of higher education serve a diverse student body,
18 including women, transgender men, and nonbinary individuals, all of
19 whom may require abortion medication services as part of their
20 reproductive health care;

21 (f) Providing reproductive health care, including abortion

1 medication, is a generally accepted standard of medical practice that
2 promotes gender equity for students at all institutions of higher education,
3 including rural and underserved areas; and

4 (g) It is necessary to establish requirements for institutions of
5 higher education that operate student health centers to ensure access to
6 abortion medication services consistent with that right.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 23-5-151** as
8 follows:

9 **23-5-151. Abortion medication access - student health centers**
10 **- data privacy - definitions.**

11 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
12 REQUIRES:

13 (a) "ABORTION MEDICATION" MEANS A PRESCRIPTION DRUG OR A
14 COMBINATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS USED TO TERMINATE THE
15 PREGNANCY OF AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWN OR REASONABLY BELIEVED TO BE
16 PREGNANT.

17 (b) "INSTITUTION" MEANS A STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102 (10)(a); A LOCAL DISTRICT
19 COLLEGE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-71-102; A PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF
20 HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 23-18-102 (9); AND A
21 PARTICIPATING PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AS DEFINED
22 IN SECTION 23-18-102 (8).

23 (c) "LEGALLY PROTECTED HEALTH-CARE ACTIVITY" HAS THE
24 MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 12-30-121 (1)(d).

25 (d) "OTHER OUTLET" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION
26 12-280-103.

27 (e) "PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH

1 IN SECTION 12-280-103.

2 (f) "STUDENT HEALTH CENTER" MEANS A HEALTH CLINIC OR
3 HEALTH-CARE FACILITY LOCATED ON AN INSTITUTION'S CAMPUS THAT
4 PROVIDES PRIMARY CARE SERVICES OR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH-CARE
5 SERVICES TO STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION.

6 (2) ON AND AFTER AUGUST 1, 2027, AN INSTITUTION THAT
7 OPERATES A STUDENT HEALTH CENTER SHALL PROVIDE ACCESS TO
8 ABORTION MEDICATION TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION.
9 ACCESS TO ABORTION MEDICATION MUST BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE
10 WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF MEDICAL PRACTICE.

11 (3) (a) IF AN INSTITUTION'S STUDENT HEALTH CENTER INCLUDES
12 AN ON-SITE PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET OR OTHER OUTLET, THE
13 INSTITUTION'S ON-SITE PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET OR OTHER OUTLET
14 MUST MAINTAIN A STOCK OF ABORTION MEDICATION AND PROVIDE ACCESS
15 TO ABORTION MEDICATION TO STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION
16 AT A PHYSICAL LOCATION ON THE INSTITUTION'S CAMPUS, WHICH MAY
17 INCLUDE:

18 (I) THE ON-SITE PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET OR OTHER OUTLET;

19 (II) THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER, THROUGH A HEALTH-CARE
20 PROVIDER LICENSED TO DISPENSE ABORTION MEDICATION; OR

21 (III) ANOTHER PHYSICAL LOCATION ON THE INSTITUTION'S CAMPUS
22 WHERE STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION CUSTOMARILY ACCESS
23 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.

24 (b) A STUDENT ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION MAY ELECT TO FILL
25 A PRESCRIPTION FOR ABORTION MEDICATION AT AN OFF-SITE PRESCRIPTION
26 DRUG OUTLET OR OTHER OUTLET THAT IS UNAFFILIATED WITH THE
27 INSTITUTION OR OTHERWISE SEEK ABORTION CARE FROM A HEALTH-CARE

1 PROVIDER THAT IS UNAFFILIATED WITH THE INSTITUTION.

2 (c) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION (3) PROHIBITS AN INSTITUTION
3 THAT HAS AN ON-SITE PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET OR OTHER OUTLET
4 FROM UTILIZING TELEHEALTH SERVICES OR FROM CONTRACTING WITH AN
5 EXTERNAL HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER TO ENSURE STUDENT ACCESS TO
6 ABORTION MEDICATION.

7 (4) IF AN INSTITUTION'S STUDENT HEALTH CENTER DOES NOT
8 INCLUDE AN ON-SITE PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET OR OTHER OUTLET, THE
9 STUDENT HEALTH CENTER SHALL MAKE ABORTION MEDICATION
10 AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ENROLLED AT THE INSTITUTION EITHER BY:

11 (a) SUBMITTING A PRESCRIPTION FOR ABORTION MEDICATION TO
12 BE FILLED AT AN OFF-CAMPUS PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUTLET OR OTHER
13 OUTLET; OR

14 (b) DISPENSING ABORTION MEDICATION THROUGH A PROVIDER ON
15 STAFF AT THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER, IF PERMITTED BY THE STUDENT
16 HEALTH CENTER'S LICENSURE.

17 (5) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW OR VALID
18 COURT ORDER ISSUED BY A COURT OF THIS STATE, AN INSTITUTION SHALL
19 NOT KNOWINGLY PROVIDE PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION
20 CONTAINED IN A STUDENT'S PATIENT RECORDS, BILLING RECORDS, OR
21 PRECISE LOCATION DATA RELATED TO A LEGALLY PROTECTED
22 HEALTH-CARE ACTIVITY IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM ANOTHER
23 STATE SEEKING TO IMPOSE LIABILITY FOR THE LEGALLY PROTECTED
24 HEALTH-CARE ACTIVITY. AN INSTITUTION SHALL MAINTAIN PERSONALLY
25 IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THIS
26 STATE, INCLUDING LIMITATIONS ON INFORMATION DISCLOSURE PURSUANT
27 TO SECTION 24-116-102.

1 (6) A PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURER MUST NOT CANCEL,
2 REFUSE TO RENEW, OR INCREASE PREMIUMS ON A POLICY COVERING AN
3 INSTITUTION AS A RESULT OF THE INSTITUTION'S COMPLIANCE WITH THIS
4 SECTION.

5 (7) THIS SECTION DOES NOT:

6 (a) PERMIT AN INSTITUTION OR HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER TO
7 VIOLATE APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, INCLUDING THE
8 UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION'S REGULATIONS;

9 (b) REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY TO ACT IN VIOLATION OF
10 A VALID COURT ORDER ISSUED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION;

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12 (c) REQUIRE AN INSTITUTION'S STUDENT HEALTH CENTER TO
13 PROVIDE ACCESS TO OR STOCK ABORTION MEDICATION IF DOING SO IS
14 CONTRARY TO THE INSTITUTION'S SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR
15 PRACTICES;

16 (d) REQUIRE A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER, INSTITUTION, OR STUDENT
17 HEALTH CENTER TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO OR STOCK ABORTION MEDICATION
18 IF DOING SO WOULD VIOLATE FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATIONS OR WOULD
19 JEOPARDIZE AN INSTITUTION'S FEDERAL GRANT PARTICIPATION;

20 (e) REQUIRE AN INSTITUTION OR A STUDENT HEALTH CENTER TO
21 DEVIATE FROM GENERALLY ACCEPTED BILLING PRACTICES; OR

22 (f) MODIFY THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF MEDICAL
23 PRACTICE IN THIS STATE OR PROHIBIT A HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER FROM
24 MAKING A REFERRAL TO ANOTHER HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER OR
25 HEALTH-CARE FACILITY WHEN, IN THE HEALTH-CARE PROVIDER'S CLINICAL
26 JUDGEMENT, A STUDENT'S INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE THE
27 REFERRAL.

1 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
4 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
5 institutions.