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Condom Distribution is occurring in all high school in Chittenden County. At CHS: They are located in the nurses office, guidance counselors offices and in the health classroom. Students are not asked, they can just grab and go. Most often taken from nurses and health teacher. → animosity.

Thank you for including the mandatory reporter language into the bill.

(l) A mandated reporter as described in subdivision (a)(2) of this section 2 shall not be deemed to have violated the requirements of this section solely on 3 the basis of **distributing or making available** over-the-counter contraceptive 4 devices and products to secondary school students.

Does putting this into law introduce legal issues for schools serving minors?

- In Vermont, it is illegal for an adult (someone 18 or older) to have sex with a minor (someone **16 or younger**), even if the sex is consensual. Those who break the law have committed statutory rape.
 - 16 years old = some sophomores, juniors, and seniors
 - should we limit distribution to this group of students?

This language is critical in protecting school employees from making the assumption when distributing a contraceptive that intercourse has occurred, which for a freshman/senior would be a violation law an expected to be reported.

~~Vermont~~ - Sexual Harassment
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Oral Contraceptives:

We would want to give students education to not use emergency contraceptives as a form of birth control.

Nursing Perspective: Nurses will need education and training on plan B, none of my nurses have experience in a GYN office and they have questions on the below:

- Who should NOT take plan B?
- What are the anticipated side effects?
- What needs follow up with the students gyn, primary care or planned parenthood?
- Does the follow up care need to be confidential? Can there be protection in the bill for schools around this.
- What if the complications are not connected to plan B?

After we give it, the bill does not protect nurses from provided follow up care around any complications or side effects that the students might be experiencing as a result of taking plan B.