

SB-320 Public health: public postsecondary education: on-campus student health centers: abortion by medication techniques.

What it does: This bill requires each public university student health center to offer abortion by medication techniques (non-surgical) beginning January 1, 2022. Establishes the Medication Abortion Implementation Fund for the purposes of providing private moneys in the form of grants to on-campus student health centers at public and private colleges and universities for the implementation of abortion by medication techniques.

Should we support it? Yes

Why: Abortion is a constitutional right that cannot be denied. The state and Cal State LA ASI have a vested interest that those who want to have an abortion can obtain access to that care as easily and as early in pregnancy as possible. When pregnant young people decide that abortion is the best option for them, having early, accessible care can help them stay on track to achieve their educational and other aspirational life plans.

Abortion by medication techniques is extremely safe, highly effective, and cost effective. Abortion by medication techniques is an essential part of comprehensive women's health care, and should be accessible at on-campus student health centers. Understanding that obtaining an abortion currently can mean missing class and/or work which can cause a financial burden or deter educational/career ambitions. On campus abortion services seeks to address this issue to best assist young people.