

MOTION

No. 21

Improving Youth Access to Contraception

Karla Bernard gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Patricia Altass, the following motion:

WHEREAS ensuring that women can choose whether or when to have children means they have greater control over their bodies and futures;

AND WHEREAS unintended pregnancies may derail life plans, particularly for adolescents and young adults;

AND WHEREAS adolescent parenting is associated with lower lifetime educational achievement, lower income, and increased reliance on social support programs;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Paediatric Society has called for universal access to no-cost contraception for youth in Canada;

AND WHEREAS it is estimated that the cost of contraception coverage would be more than offset by the money saved in direct medical costs related to unintended pregnancy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to provide provincial health plan coverage for and access to contraception at no cost to youth living in Prince Edward Island;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to provide contraceptives at no cost to community-based health care services for youth, to support point-of-care dispensing and simplify access.

Signed: Karla Bernard

Signed: Patricia Altass

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