



**Reproductive Health Services Training Grant Program  
(Bill S.3060-Krueger; Bill A.3279-A-Epstein)**

**Memorandum of Opposition**

Bills S.3060-Krueger and A.3279-A-Epstein would create a reproductive health and education grant program. Each of these bills would authorize the New York State Department of Health (DOH) to issue grants for “clinical training in the performance of abortion and related reproductive health services.” Grants issued by the DOH pursuant to these bills would be used for “administration, faculty recruitment and development, start-up costs and costs incurred teaching reproductive health care.”

The sponsor memorandum for each of these bills asserts that in a “post-Roe world, 70 percent of medical students find themselves training in abortion restrictive states.” The memorandum adds that the Supreme Court’s 2022 decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* “greatly jeopardized access to [abortion] and the provision of reproductive healthcare.” The stated purpose of the bills is to “[reduce] barriers for medical residents who want to train and provide essential medical care that has been wrongly politicized.”

There are three false assumptions behind these two bills. First, the bills assume that abortion should be promoted by the state and treated as a positive good. Second, the bills assume that it is New York’s responsibility to make up for the alleged paucity of abortion training in other U.S. states. Third, the bills assume that New York taxpayers should foot the bill for this training. Because none of these assumptions is correct, the Legislature should refrain from establishing a reproductive health and education grant program.