

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 25, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in miscellaneous provisions relating
6 to institutions of higher education, providing for menstrual
7 hygiene products.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
11 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
12 section to read:

13 Section 2002-I. Menstrual hygiene products.

14 (a) Requirement.--A public institution of higher education
15 shall make menstrual hygiene products available at no cost in
16 each bathroom of a school building, including all of the
17 following:

18 (1) A choice of at least two sizes or absorbencies of
19 sanitary napkins or pads that are capable of absorbing at

1 least five milliliters of liquid.

2 (2) A choice of at least two sizes of tampons that are
3 capable of absorbing at least four milliliters of liquid.

4 (b) Rules and regulations.--The department shall promulgate
5 rules and regulations necessary to implement and enforce the
6 provisions of this section.

7 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
8 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
9 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise::

10 "Menstrual hygiene products." Tampons, sanitary napkins or
11 pads, menstrual sponges, menstrual cups and similar menstrual
12 hygiene products.

13 "Public institution of higher education." As defined in
14 section 2001-I(m).

15 "School building." A building owned by or under the control
16 of a public institution of higher education where classes are
17 taught on a regular basis. The term does not include a student
18 dormitory.

19 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.