



To: Senate Education Committee
From: Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director
Re: S.323
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.323. My name is Sue Ceglowski and I am the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association.

VSBA recommends that a fiscal note is advisable so that the Committee is informed about the impact on the Education Fund of making menstrual hygiene products available at no cost in all gender-neutral bathrooms and bathrooms designated for females located in public high schools. It is important that the fiscal note includes the assumption that storage devices or dispensers would be required so that there is a way to store the products in a sanitary manner. It is also important to factor in the regular use of school facilities by community groups for meetings and events which could impact the level of supplies schools will need to have on hand.

We also suggest that the Committee hear testimony from principals about the current availability of menstrual hygiene products in schools, locations of access, and the operational effects of requiring public schools to make these products available in all gender-neutral bathrooms and bathrooms designated for females.

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