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Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Education; school buildings; corrections; correctional facilities;
menstrual hygiene products

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to (1) require
school districts to make menstrual hygiene products available at no cost in all
gender-neutral bathrooms and bathrooms designated for females located in
public schools for grades six through 12 within the school district; and (2)
require the Commissioner of Corrections to make menstrual hygiene products
available at no cost in correctional facilities.

An act relating to requiring menstrual hygiene products in public school
restrooms for grades six through 12 and in correctional facilities

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 16 V.S.A. § 1432 is added to read:

3 § 1432. MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

4 (a) Each school district shall make menstrual hygiene products available at
5 no cost in all gender-neutral bathrooms and bathrooms designated for females
6 located in public schools for grades six through 12 within the school district.

7 (b) Menstrual hygiene products shall include sanitary napkins and tampons.

8 (c) The school district shall bear the cost of supplying menstrual hygiene
9 products. A school district may seek grants with a nonprofit or community-
10 based organization to fulfill this obligation.

11 Sec. 2. 28 V.S.A. § 801c is added to read:

12 § 801c. MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN CORRECTIONAL
13 FACILITIES

14 (a) The Commissioner of Corrections shall make menstrual hygiene
15 products available at no cost to any inmate in a State correctional facility who
16 requires them.

17 (b) Menstrual hygiene products shall include sanitary napkins and tampons.

18 (c) The Department of Corrections shall bear the cost of supplying
19 menstrual hygiene products for the purposes of subsection (a) of this section.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATES

2 Sec. 1 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 2022 and Sec. 2 of this act and
3 this section shall take effect on July 1, 2021.