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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for access to feminine hygiene products in
2 public school restrooms.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.72 Access to feminine hygiene
2 products — restrooms.

3 The board of directors of a school district shall ensure that
4 feminine hygiene products can be accessed by students without
5 cost in at least half of the restrooms in school buildings in
6 the district where students in grades six through twelve are
7 educated and that the supply of feminine hygiene products is
8 refilled regularly. For purposes of this section, "feminine
9 hygiene products" means sanitary napkins, tampons, or other
10 similar items used for feminine hygiene.

11 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
12 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
13 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
14 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
15 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
16 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
17 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
18 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
19 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
20 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
21 districts.

22 EXPLANATION

23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
24 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

25 This bill requires school boards to ensure that feminine
26 hygiene products can be accessed by students without cost in at
27 least half of the restrooms in school buildings in the district
28 where students in grades 6 through 12 are educated and that the
29 supply of feminine hygiene products is refilled regularly. The
30 bill defines "feminine hygiene products" as sanitary napkins,
31 tampons, or other similar items used for feminine hygiene.

32 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
33 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
34 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
35 district from state school foundation aid received by the

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1 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
2 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
3 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
4 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
5 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
6 mandates included in the bill.