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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of menstrual products.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8H.1 Provision of menstrual
2 products.

3 1. The entity with authority over a state building shall
4 ensure that menstrual products are available, at no cost, in
5 the restrooms of the state building.

6 2. For the purpose of this section:

7 a. "*Menstrual products*" means tampons and period pads for
8 use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

9 b. "*State agency*" means a unit of state government, which
10 is an authority, board, commission, committee, council,
11 department, or independent agency as defined in section 7E.4,
12 including but not limited to each principal central department
13 enumerated in section 7E.5. However, "*state agency*" does not
14 mean any of the following:

15 (1) The office of the governor or the office of an elective
16 constitutional or statutory officer.

17 (2) The general assembly, or any office or unit under its
18 administrative authority.

19 (3) The judicial branch, as provided in section 602.1102.

20 (4) A political subdivision of the state or its offices or
21 units, including but not limited to a county or city, but not
22 including a community college.

23 c. "*State building*" means a public facility or building
24 owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of the
25 state government, a state agency, the state department of
26 transportation, the state board of regents, or the Iowa state
27 fair board.

28 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 218.101 Provision of menstrual
29 products.

30 Institutions controlled by the director of human services
31 as specified in section 218.1 shall make menstrual products
32 available, at no cost, to residents or patients of the
33 institutions in locations and as appropriate to the health
34 care needs of the residents or patients, and to staff and the
35 public, in the restrooms of the institutions. As used in this

1 section, *"menstrual products"* means tampons and period pads for
2 use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

3 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 270.4A Provision of menstrual
4 products.

5 The superintendent shall make menstrual products available,
6 at no cost, to students, staff, and the public in the restrooms
7 of school buildings and of each campus building frequented by
8 students, staff, and the public. As used in this section,
9 *"menstrual products"* means tampons and period pads for use in
10 connection with the menstrual cycle.

11 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 280.31 Provision of menstrual
12 products.

13 1. The board of directors of each public school district and
14 the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall ensure
15 that menstrual products are available, at no cost, to students,
16 staff, and the public in the restrooms of school buildings.

17 2. For the purposes of this section:

18 a. *"Menstrual products"* means tampons and period pads for
19 use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

20 b. *"School building"* means any facility that is owned or
21 leased by a public school district or nonpublic school over
22 which the board or authorities have care, custody, and control.

23 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 904.517 Provision of menstrual
24 products.

25 The department shall ensure that menstrual products
26 are available to offenders committed to the institutions
27 specified in section 904.102 at no cost and in a quantity and
28 as appropriate to the health care needs of the individual
29 offender. The department shall also ensure that menstrual
30 products are available, at no cost, for staff and the public in
31 the restrooms of the institutions. For the purposes of this
32 section, *"menstrual products"* means tampons and period pads for
33 use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 This bill requires menstrual products to be available at no
3 cost in certain buildings, institutions, and facilities under
4 the control of the state and in schools.

5 The bill requires that the entity with authority over a state
6 building shall ensure that menstrual products are available, at
7 no cost, in the restrooms of the state building.

8 The bill requires that institutions controlled by the
9 director of the department of human services make menstrual
10 products available, at no cost, to residents or patients of
11 the institutions in locations and as appropriate to the health
12 care needs of the residents or patients, and to staff and the
13 public, in the restrooms of the institutions.

14 The bill requires the superintendent of the school for the
15 deaf to make menstrual products available, at no cost, to
16 students, staff, and the public in the restrooms of school
17 buildings and of each campus building frequented by students,
18 staff, and the public.

19 The bill requires the board of directors of each public
20 school district and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic
21 school to ensure that menstrual products are available, at no
22 cost, to students, staff, and the public in the restrooms of
23 school buildings.

24 The bill requires that the department of corrections
25 ensure that menstrual products are available to offenders
26 committed to the institutions at no cost and in a quantity
27 and as appropriate to the health care needs of the individual
28 offender. The bill also requires the department of corrections
29 to ensure that menstrual products are available, at no cost, to
30 staff and the public, in the restrooms of institutions.

31 For the purposes of the bill, "menstrual products" means
32 tampons and period pads for use in connection with the
33 menstrual cycle.