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A BILL FOR

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

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- 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8H.1 Provision of period products.
- 2 l. The entity with authority over a state building shall
- 3 ensure that period products are available, at no cost, in the
- 4 restrooms of the state building.
- 5 2. For the purpose of this section:
- 6 a. "Period products" means tampons and period pads for use
- 7 in connection with the menstrual cycle.
- 8 b. "State agency" means a unit of state government, which
- 9 is an authority, board, commission, committee, council,
- 10 department, or independent agency as defined in section 7E.4,
- 11 including but not limited to each principal central department
- 12 enumerated in section 7E.5. However, "state agency" does not
- 13 mean any of the following:
- 14 (1) The office of the governor or the office of an elective
- 15 constitutional or statutory officer.
- 16 (2) The general assembly, or any office or unit under its
- 17 administrative authority.
- 18 (3) The judicial branch, as provided in section 602.1102.
- 19 (4) A political subdivision of the state or its offices or
- 20 units, including but not limited to a county or city, but not
- 21 including a community college.
- 22 c. "State building" means a public facility or building
- 23 owned, leased, or operated by or under the control of the
- 24 state government, a state agency, the state department of
- 25 transportation, the state board of regents, or the Iowa state
- 26 fair board.
- 27 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 218.101 Provision of period products.
- 28 Institutions controlled by the director of health and
- 29 human services specified in section 218.1 shall make period
- 30 products available, at no cost, to residents or patients of
- 31 the institutions in locations and as appropriate to the health
- 32 care needs of the residents or patients, and to staff and the
- 33 public, in the restrooms of the institutions. As used in this
- 34 section, "period products" means tampons and period pads for use
- 35 in connection with the menstrual cycle.

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- 1 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 270.4A Provision of period products.
- 2 The superintendent shall make period products available, at
- 3 no cost, to students, staff, and the public in the restrooms
- 4 of school buildings and of each campus building frequented by
- 5 students, staff, and the public. As used in this section,
- 6 "period products" means tampons and period pads for use in
- 7 connection with the menstrual cycle.
- 8 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 280.33 Provision of period products.
- 9 1. The board of directors of each public school district and
- 10 the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall ensure
- 11 that period products are available, at no cost, to students,
- 12 staff, and the public in the restrooms of school buildings.
- 2. For the purposes of this section:
- 14 a. "Period products" means tampons and period pads for use
- 15 in connection with the menstrual cycle.
- 16 b. "School building" means any facility that is owned or
- 17 leased by a public school district or nonpublic school over
- 18 which the board or authorities have care, custody, and control.
- 19 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 904.517 Provision of period products.
- 20 The department shall ensure that period products are
- 21 available to offenders committed to the institutions specified
- 22 in section 904.102 at no cost and in a quantity and as
- 23 appropriate to the health care needs of the individual
- 24 offender. The department shall also ensure that period
- 25 products are available, at no cost, for staff and the public in
- 26 the restrooms of the institutions. For the purposes of this
- 27 section, "period products" means tampons and period pads for use
- 28 in connection with the menstrual cycle.
- 29 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 32 This bill requires period products to be available at no cost
- 33 in certain buildings, institutions, and facilities under the
- 34 control of the state and in schools.
- 35 The bill requires that the entity with authority over a state

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- 1 building shall ensure that period products are available, at no
- 2 cost, in the restrooms of the state building.
- 3 The bill requires that institutions controlled by the
- 4 director of the department of health and human services make
- 5 period products available, at no cost, to residents or patients
- 6 of the institutions in locations and as appropriate to the
- 7 health care needs of the residents or patients, and to staff
- 8 and the public, in the restrooms of the institutions.
- 9 The bill requires the superintendent of the school for
- 10 the deaf to make period products available, at no cost, to
- 11 students, staff, and the public in the restrooms of school
- 12 buildings and of each campus building frequented by students,
- 13 staff, and the public.
- 14 The bill requires the board of directors of each public
- 15 school district and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic
- 16 school to ensure that period products are available, at no
- 17 cost, to students, staff, and the public in the restrooms of
- 18 school buildings.
- 19 The bill requires that the department of corrections
- 20 ensure that period products are available to offenders
- 21 committed to the institutions at no cost and in a quantity
- 22 and as appropriate to the health care needs of the individual
- 23 offender. The bill also requires the department of corrections
- 24 to ensure that period products are available, at no cost, to
- 25 staff and the public, in the restrooms of institutions.
- 26 For the purposes of the bill, "period products" means
- 27 tampons and period pads for use in connection with the
- 28 menstrual cycle.