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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for access to feminine hygiene products in  
2 public school restrooms and making an appropriation.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **279.87 Access to feminine hygiene**  
2 **products — restrooms — appropriation.**

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

11 2. There is appropriated annually from the general fund of  
12 the state to the department of education for the period beginning  
13 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, an amount necessary to  
14 fund the full cost of compliance with this section by school  
15 districts. The department shall establish processes for school  
16 districts to submit the documented cost of compliance with this  
17 section to the department on a quarter, trimester, or semester  
18 basis and for the department to reimburse school districts for  
19 such costs. The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
20 17A to administer this subsection. This subsection is repealed  
21 July 1, 2028.

22 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance with  
23 section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
24 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
25 be paid by a school district from funds appropriated by section  
26 279.84, subsection 2, as enacted by this Act, and, for school  
27 years beginning on or after July 1, 2028, from state school  
28 foundation aid received by the school district under section  
29 257.16. This specification of the payment of the state cost  
30 shall be deemed to meet all of the state funding-related  
31 requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional  
32 state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of  
33 this Act by and enforcement of this Act against all affected  
34 school districts.

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EXPLANATION

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

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

10       The bill appropriates an amount necessary to fund the full  
11 cost of compliance with the bill by school districts from the  
12 general fund of the state to the department of education for the  
13 period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028. The  
14 bill directs the department to establish processes for school  
15 districts to submit the documented cost of compliance to the  
16 department and for the department to reimburse school districts  
17 for such costs.

18       The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
19 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any  
20 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school district  
21 from funds appropriated by the bill, and, for school years  
22 beginning on or after July 1, 2028, from state school foundation  
23 aid received by the school district under Code section 257.16.  
24 The specification is deemed to constitute state compliance with  
25 any state mandate funding-related requirements of Code section  
26 25B.2. The inclusion of this specification is intended to  
27 reinstate the requirement of political subdivisions to comply  
28 with any state mandates included in the bill.