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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**
2 **products.**

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

6 2. For the purpose of this section:

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

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

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

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

3 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **256.98A Provision of period**
4 **products.**

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

11 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **280.36 Provision of period products.**

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

16 2. For the purposes of this section:

17 a. "Period products" means tampons and period pads for use in
18 connection with the menstrual cycle.

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

22 3. Subject to funding appropriated for this purpose, the
23 department of education shall reimburse each public school
24 for the reasonable cost of the public school providing period
25 products pursuant to subsection 1.

26 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. **904.517 Provision of period**
27 **products.**

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

EXPLANATION

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

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

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

The bill requires institutions controlled by the director of the department of health and human services to make period products available, at no cost, to residents or patients of the institutions in locations and as appropriate to the health care needs of the residents or patients, and to staff and the public, in the restrooms of the institutions.

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

The bill requires the board of directors of each public school district and the authorities in charge of each nonpublic school to ensure that period products are available, at no cost, to students, staff, and the public in the restrooms of school buildings. Subject to funding appropriated for this purpose, the department of education shall reimburse each public school for the reasonable cost of providing period products.

The bill requires the department of corrections to ensure period products are available to offenders committed to the institutions at no cost and in a quantity and as appropriate to the health care needs of the individual offender. The bill also requires the department of corrections to ensure period products are available, at no cost, to staff and the public, in the restrooms of institutions.

For the purposes of the bill, "period products" means tampons

1 and period pads for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

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