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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, Caldwell, Craven, O'Brien, and Speakman

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-21-37. Availability of feminine hygiene products.**

4 (a) By the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, all public schools maintaining any
5 combination of classes from grade six (6) through grade twelve (12), inclusive, shall make feminine
6 hygiene products available in the school as follows:

7 (1) Feminine products shall be available in all gender-neutral bathrooms and any bathroom
8 designated for females;

9 (2) Feminine products shall be available at no cost to students.

10 (b) For the purposes of this section, "feminine hygiene products" includes tampons and
11 sanitary napkins.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would provide that feminine hygiene products be provided in all public schools.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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