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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Senators Mack, Lawson, Ujifusa, Lauria, Gu, Kallman, Quezada, and
Murray

Date Introduced: February 16, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

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 **16-21-42. Availability of feminine hygiene products in universities and colleges.**

4 (a) By the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, all universities and colleges whether
5 public or privately run shall make feminine hygiene products available as follows:

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

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

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

11 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 require feminine hygiene products be provided in all universities and
2 colleges at no cost to students.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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