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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Pearson, Valverde, Bell, and Euer

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: Senate Education

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. Possession of feminine hygiene products.**

4           (a) A student, while on school property or at a school-related event or activity, may  
5 possess and use over-the-counter products to treat menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections  
6 without a physician's or parent's note.

7           (b) Nothing in this section shall make the school district or its personnel liable for any  
8 damages under this section.

9           (c) The school district may encourage schools to educate pupils on the safe use of over-  
10 the-counter medications.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit students to possess and use over-the-counter products to treat  
2 menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections during school activities without a doctor's or parent's  
3 note. It would authorize the school district to encourage schools to educate pupils on the safe use  
4 of such products, but shall not hold the school district or its personnel liable for any damages.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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