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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to public K-12 education; to establish a grant program for awarding funds to public schools to provide no cost feminine hygiene products to students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS. Includes sanitary napkins and tampons.

(2) QUALIFYING SCHOOL. A public school that satisfies each of the following criteria:

a. Provides instruction in any grade in grades five through 12.

b. Receives Title I funds.

(b) (1) There is established a grant program to award funds to local boards of education to provide feminine hygiene products to students enrolled in qualifying schools at no cost to those students. The program shall be administered by the State Department of Education, and the department shall develop procedures for the administration of the program.

(2)a. The State Superintendent of Education shall annually, on or before September 1, certify the total funds available to be awarded under the program each school year and shall allocate grant awards to the applicable local board of

1 education for each qualifying school on a pro rata basis based
2 on the total number of female students enrolled in grades 5
3 through 12 at those schools.

4 b. The department shall annually reimburse each
5 local board of education the actual cost of feminine hygiene
6 products and dispensers purchased by the local board for
7 distribution at each qualifying school, not to exceed the
8 annual grant allocation for that school.

9 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall
10 annually notify the local superintendent of education for each
11 qualifying school of the amount of grant funds allocated to
12 each local board of education for the qualifying school, and
13 the local superintendent shall also provide notice to the
14 department regarding the intention of each school to
15 participate in the program.

16 ~~(4) Any qualifying school that accepts a grant award~~
17 ~~under this section shall make feminine hygiene products~~
18 ~~readily available in each women's restroom of a qualifying~~
19 ~~school building that is routinely utilized by students in~~
20 ~~grades five 5 through 12 at no cost to students.~~

21 (4) Any qualifying school that accepts a grant award
22 under this section shall provide feminine hygiene products to
23 female students in grades 5 through 12 through a female school
24 counselor, female nurse, or female teacher selected by the
25 principal at no cost to students.

1 (5) Grants shall be awarded annually beginning with
2 the 2022-2023 school year, and each school year thereafter.

3 (6) The grants provided by this section shall be
4 contingent on the availability of funds. The Legislature may
5 appropriate funds to the department for this program, and the
6 department may accept funds from nongovernmental entities to
7 be used for this program. Funds not expended in any fiscal
8 year shall not revert but shall remain with the department for
9 use in implementing this program.

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on August
11 1, 2022, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
12 or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 01-MAR-22, as amended.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

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Passed