

# **SENATE, No. 3645**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## **218th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires school districts to provide feminine hygiene products in certain public schools and requires State to pay costs.

#### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

**An Act** concerning the provision of feminine hygiene products in public schools and supplementing chapter 33 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

**Be It Enacted** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. a. As used in this section, “feminine hygiene products” mean tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

b. A school district shall ensure that students in each school educating students in grades 6 through 12, or any combination thereof, in which 40 percent or more of its students reside in households with a household income at or below the most recent federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.85, have direct access to feminine hygiene products in at least 50 percent of the school bathrooms free of charge.

c. Any costs incurred by a school district in providing an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products to meet the needs of its students shall be borne by the State.

2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year following the date of enactment.

STATEMENT

This bill requires school districts to ensure that students in schools educating students in grades 6 through 12, or any combination thereof, in which 40 percent or more of their students reside in households with a household income at or below the most recent federal poverty guidelines multiplied by 1.85, have direct access to feminine hygiene products in at least 50 percent of the school bathrooms free of charge. Any costs incurred by a school district in complying with the provisions of this bill will be borne by the State. For purposes of this bill, “feminine hygiene products” mean tampons and sanitary napkins.