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By House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Berg, Caldier, Ramel, Simmons, Taylor, Lovick, Bateman, Senn, Leavitt, Fitzgibbon, Wicks, Berry, Peterson, Goodman, Valdez, Hackney, Thai, Kloba, Frame, Ryu, Bronoske, Macri, Callan, Ormsby, Pollet, Slatter, Harris-Talley, and Stonier)

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1 AN ACT Relating to menstrual hygiene products in school and
2 postsecondary institution bathrooms; adding a new section to chapter
3 28A.210 RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW; and creating a
4 new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) By the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, school districts
9 and private schools must make menstrual hygiene products available at
10 no cost in all gender-neutral bathrooms and bathrooms designated for
11 female students located in schools that serve students in any of
12 grades six through twelve. For schools that serve students in grades
13 three through five, school districts and private schools must make
14 menstrual hygiene products available in a school health room or other
15 location as designated by the school principal.

16 (2) Menstrual hygiene products must include sanitary napkins,
17 tampons, or similar items.

18 (3) School districts and private schools must bear the cost of
19 supplying menstrual hygiene products. School districts and private
20 schools may seek grants or partner with nonprofit or community-based
21 organizations to fulfill this obligation.

1 (4) This section governs school operation and management under
2 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools
3 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal compact
4 schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By the beginning of the 2022-23
6 academic year, institutions of higher education as defined in RCW
7 28B.92.030 must make menstrual hygiene products available at no cost
8 in all gender-neutral bathrooms and bathrooms designated for female
9 students.

10 (2) Menstrual hygiene products must include sanitary napkins,
11 tampons, or similar items.

12 (3) Institutions of higher education must bear the cost of
13 supplying menstrual hygiene products. Institutions of higher
14 education may seek grants or partner with nonprofit or community-
15 based organizations to fulfill this obligation.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act constitutes a new
17 chapter in Title 28B RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of
19 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not
20 provided by June 30, 2021, in the omnibus appropriations act, this
21 act is null and void.

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