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SENATE BILL DRS35371-NHa-22

Short Title: Feminine Hygiene Grant Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Murdock and Mayfield (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT GRANT PROGRAM FOR
3 PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 25B of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

6 "Article 25B.

7 "~~Mental~~ Health Needs of ~~Student~~ Students.

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9 **§ 115C-377. Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program.**

10 (a) Program; Purpose. – The Department of Public Instruction shall establish the
11 Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program (Program) to enable public school units to provide
12 students with feminine hygiene products at no charge to the student to (i) support the students'
13 continued attendance at school during their menstrual cycle, (ii) provide hygiene products to
14 students who cannot afford them, and (iii) make funds available to public school units for
15 purchasing the products.

16 (b) Grants. – To the extent funds are made available for the Program, the Department of
17 Public Instruction shall award public school units grants of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000)
18 on a first-come, first-served basis. No public school unit shall receive more than one grant per
19 year.

20 (c) Reporting. – No later than March 15, 2023, and every year thereafter that funds are
21 made available for the program, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Education
22 Oversight Committee on the public school units receiving grants under the Program, the specific
23 feminine hygiene products purchased with the grant funds, and the impact of the Program on
24 student health and well-being."

25 **SECTION 2.** Section 6(d) of S.L. 2018-32, as amended by Section 1(f) of S.L.
26 2020-7, reads as rewritten:

27 **"SECTION 6.(d)** Applicability of Specific Statutes. – The local board of education with an
28 approved renewal school system plan shall be subject to the following Articles and sections of
29 Chapter 115C of the General Statutes:

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31 (16a) Article 25B, ~~Mental~~ Health Needs of Students.

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33 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
34 Public Instruction the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in recurring funds for the
35 2022-2023 fiscal year pursuant to G.S. 115C-377 to fund the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant
36 Program established pursuant to this act.



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SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.