

# SENATE, No. 692

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th 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**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning the provision of feminine hygiene products in  
2 public schools and supplementing chapter 33 of Title 18A of the  
3 New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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

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

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

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

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STATEMENT

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