

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 692

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 13, 2020

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 692 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires school districts to ensure that students in each school educating students in grades 6 through 12, or any combination thereof, have direct access to feminine hygiene products in all 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.

The committee amended the bill to delete language that would limit the bill’s provisions to 50 percent or more of bathrooms in schools 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.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.