

Committee on Education Pre-K - 12

CS/HB 389 — Menstrual Hygiene Products in Public Schools

by Education Quality Subcommittee and Rep. Skidmore and others (SB 334 by Senators Book, Polsky, and Berman)

The bill provides that school districts may make menstrual hygiene products available in each school within the district, at no charge. The menstrual hygiene products may be located in the school nurse's office, other physical school facilities for health services, and in school restrooms, including wheelchair accessible restrooms.

The bill requires each participating school to ensure that students are provided appropriate notice as to the availability and location of the menstrual hygiene products. Advertising, messaging, logos, or text, except for the brand name and manufacturer product information, is prohibited on the menstrual hygiene products and in locations where menstrual hygiene products are available in schools.

The bill encourages participating school districts to partner with nonprofit organizations, nongovernmental organizations, businesses, and other organizations to assist in supplying and maintaining the menstrual hygiene products. Information related to the provider, sponsor, or person or organization making such donations may not be displayed.

The bill defines the term “menstrual hygiene products” to mean tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 110-0