

By Senator Book

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to menstrual hygiene products in  
3           public schools; providing a short title; creating s.  
4           1006.064, F.S.; defining the term "menstrual hygiene  
5           products"; requiring school districts to make  
6           menstrual hygiene products available, at no charge, in  
7           certain schools within the district and in certain  
8           locations within such schools; requiring schools to  
9           notify students of the availability and locations of  
10          such products; encouraging school districts to partner  
11          with specified organizations to meet certain  
12          requirements; providing applicability; providing an  
13          effective date.

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15          WHEREAS, menstrual hygiene products are a health care  
16          necessity and are not items that can be foregone or substituted  
17          easily, and

18          WHEREAS, access to menstrual hygiene products is a serious  
19          and ongoing need in this state, and

20          WHEREAS, when students do not have access to affordable  
21          menstrual hygiene products, they may miss multiple days of  
22          school every month, and

23          WHEREAS, when students have access to quality menstrual  
24          hygiene products, they are able to continue with their daily  
25          lives with minimal interruption, NOW, THEREFORE,

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27          Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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29          Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Learning with

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30 Dignity Act.”

31 Section 2. Section 1006.064, Florida Statutes, is created  
32 to read:

33 1006.064 Availability of menstrual hygiene products.-

34 (1) As used in this section, the term “menstrual hygiene  
35 products” means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in  
36 connection with the menstrual cycle.

37 (2) A school district shall make menstrual hygiene products  
38 available at no charge in each middle school and high school  
39 within the district. The menstrual hygiene products must be  
40 located in each school nurse’s office and other physical school  
41 facility for health services, and in a minimum of 25 percent of  
42 restrooms within each school, including at least one wheelchair  
43 accessible restroom.

44 (3) Each school shall ensure that students are provided  
45 appropriate notice as to the availability and location of  
46 menstrual hygiene products.

47 (4) In order to meet the requirements of subsection (2),  
48 school districts are encouraged to partner with nonprofit  
49 organizations, nongovernmental organizations, businesses, and  
50 other organizations to assist in supplying and maintaining the  
51 required menstrual hygiene products.

52 (5) This section applies to charter schools pursuant to s.  
53 1002.33(16)(a)5.

54 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.