

By Senator Book

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to student health services; providing
3 a short title; creating s. 1006.064, F.S.; defining
4 the terms "feminine hygiene products" and "school
5 building"; requiring school districts to make feminine
6 hygiene products available, at no charge, in female
7 restroom facilities of public school buildings;
8 providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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10 WHEREAS, feminine hygiene products are a health care
11 necessity and are not items that can be foregone or substituted
12 easily, and

13 WHEREAS, access to feminine hygiene products is a serious
14 and ongoing need in this state, and

15 WHEREAS, when students do not have access to affordable
16 feminine hygiene products, they may miss multiple days of school
17 every month, and

18 WHEREAS, when students have access to quality feminine
19 hygiene products, they are able to continue with their daily
20 lives with minimal interruption, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Learning with
25 Dignity Act."

26 Section 2. Section 1006.064, Florida Statutes, is created
27 to read:

28 1006.064 Availability of feminine hygiene products.-

29 (1) As used in this section, the term:

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30 (a) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary
31 napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

32 (b) "School building" means any facility:

33 1. That is owned or leased by a school district or over
34 which the school board has care, custody, and control; and

35 2. In which there is a public school serving students in
36 grades K-12.

37 (2) A school district shall make feminine hygiene products
38 available, at no charge, in female restroom facilities of school
39 buildings.

40 (3) This section applies to charter schools pursuant to s.
41 1002.33(16)(a)5.

42 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.