

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

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

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

1006.064 Availability of menstrual hygiene products.—

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

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

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

(4) In order to meet the requirements of subsection (2), school districts are encouraged to partner with nonprofit organizations, nongovernmental organizations, businesses, and other organizations to assist in supplying and maintaining the

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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.