AN ACT CONCERNING MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 18-69e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2022):

Correctional staff at York Correctional Institution shall, upon request, provide an inmate at the institution with [feminine hygiene] menstrual products as soon as practicable. Correctional staff shall provide such [feminine hygiene] menstrual products for free, [and] in a quantity that is appropriate to the health care needs of the inmate and, on and after September 1, 2022, in a manner that does not stigmatize any inmate seeking such products, pursuant to guidelines established by the Commissioner of Public Health under section 7 of this act. To carry out the provisions of this section, the Department of Correction may (1) accept donations of menstrual products and grants from any source for the purpose of purchasing such products, and (2) partner with a nonprofit or community-based organization. For purposes of this section, ["feminine hygiene products"] "menstrual products" means tampons and sanitary napkins.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2022) On and after September 1, 2022, each local and regional board of education shall provide free menstrual
products, as defined in section 18-69e of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in restrooms that are accessible to students in each school under the jurisdiction of such boards and in a manner that does not stigmatize any student seeking such products, pursuant to guidelines established by the Commissioner of Public Health under section 7 of this act. To carry out the provisions of this section, the local and regional boards of education may (1) accept donations of menstrual products and grants from any source for the purpose of purchasing such products, and (2) partner with a nonprofit or community-based organization.

Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2022) On and after September 1, 2022, each public institution of higher education, as defined in section 10a-173 of the general statutes, shall provide free menstrual products, as defined in section 18-69e of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in no fewer than one designated and accessible central location on each campus of the institution and in a manner that does not stigmatize any student seeking such products, pursuant to guidelines established by the Department of Public Health under section 7 of this act. Each public institution of higher education shall post notice of such location on its Internet web site. To carry out the provisions of this section, each public institution of higher education may (1) accept donations of menstrual products and grants from any source for the purpose of purchasing such products, and (2) partner with a nonprofit or community-based organization.

Sec. 4. Section 8-359a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2022):

(a) The Commissioner of Housing may, upon application of any public or private organization or agency, make grants, within available appropriations, to develop and maintain programs for homeless individuals including programs for emergency shelter services, transitional housing services, on-site social services for available permanent housing and for the prevention of homelessness.
(b) Each shelter receiving a grant pursuant to this section (1) shall provide decent, safe and sanitary shelter for residents of the shelter, including, but not limited to, through the provision, on and after September 1, 2022, of free menstrual products, as defined in section 18-69e, as amended by this act, in each restroom of such shelter that is accessible to its residents and in a manner that does not stigmatize any resident seeking such products, pursuant to guidelines established by the Commissioner of Public Health under section 7 of this act; (2) shall not suspend or expel a resident without good cause; (3) shall, in the case of a resident who is listed on the registry of sexual offenders maintained pursuant to chapter 969, provide verification of such person's residence at the shelter to a law enforcement officer upon the request of such officer; and (4) shall provide a grievance procedure by which residents can obtain review of grievances, including grievances concerning suspension or expulsion from the shelter. No shelter serving homeless families may admit a person who is listed on the registry of sexual offenders maintained pursuant to chapter 969. The Commissioner of Housing shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing (A) minimum standards for shelter grievance procedures and rules concerning the suspension and expulsion of shelter residents and (B) standards for the review and approval of the operating policies of shelters receiving a grant under this section. Shelter operating policies shall establish a procedure for the release of information concerning a resident who is listed on the registry of sexual offenders maintained pursuant to chapter 969 to a law enforcement officer in accordance with this subsection. To carry out the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection, each shelter may (i) accept donations of menstrual products and grants from any source for the purpose of purchasing such products, and (ii) partner with a nonprofit or community-based organization.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2022) On and after September 1, 2022, each emergency shelter operated by a domestic violence agency, as defined in section 52-146k of the general statutes, shall provide free menstrual products, as defined in section 18-69e of the general statutes,
as amended by this act, in each restroom of the shelter that is accessible
to its residents and in a manner that does not stigmatize any resident
seeking such products, pursuant to guidelines established by the
Commissioner of Public Health under section 7 of this act. To carry out
the provisions of this section, each shelter may (1) accept donations of
menstrual products and grants from any source for the purpose of
purchasing such products, and (2) partner with a nonprofit or
community-based organization.

Sec. 6. Subdivision (122) of section 12-412 of the 2022 supplement to
the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
thereof (Effective from passage):

(122) Sales of [feminine hygiene] menstrual products.

Sec. 7. (NEW) (Effective from passage) On or before July 1, 2022, the
Commissioner of Public Health shall establish guidelines regarding the
manner in which menstrual products may be provided pursuant to
section 8-359a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, section 18-
69e of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and sections 2, 3 and
5 of this act, without stigmatizing the person who requests such
products. The commissioner shall post such guidelines on the
Department of Public Health's Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following
sections:

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