



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5272

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS.

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

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 Section 18-69e of the general statutes is repealed and the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

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

17 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) On and after September 1, 2022,
18 each local and regional board of education shall provide free menstrual

19 products, as defined in section 18-69e of the general statutes, as
20 amended by this act, in restrooms that are accessible to students in each
21 school under the jurisdiction of such boards and in a manner that does
22 not stigmatize any student seeking such products, pursuant to
23 guidelines established by the Commissioner of Public Health under
24 section 7 of this act. To carry out the provisions of this section, the local
25 and regional boards of education may (1) accept donations of menstrual
26 products and grants from any source for the purpose of purchasing such
27 products, and (2) partner with a nonprofit or community-based
28 organization.

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

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

45 (a) The Commissioner of Housing may, upon application of any
46 public or private organization or agency, make grants, within available
47 appropriations, to develop and maintain programs for homeless
48 individuals including programs for emergency shelter services,
49 transitional housing services, on-site social services for available
50 permanent housing and for the prevention of homelessness.

51 (b) Each shelter receiving a grant pursuant to this section (1) shall
52 provide decent, safe and sanitary shelter for residents of the shelter,
53 including, but not limited to, through the provision, on and after
54 September 1, 2022, of free menstrual products, as defined in section 18-
55 69e, as amended by this act, in each restroom of such shelter that is
56 accessible to its residents and in a manner that does not stigmatize any
57 resident seeking such products, pursuant to guidelines established by
58 the Commissioner of Public Health under section 7 of this act; (2) shall
59 not suspend or expel a resident without good cause; (3) shall, in the case
60 of a resident who is listed on the registry of sexual offenders maintained
61 pursuant to chapter 969, provide verification of such person's residence
62 at the shelter to a law enforcement officer upon the request of such
63 officer; and (4) shall provide a grievance procedure by which residents
64 can obtain review of grievances, including grievances concerning
65 suspension or expulsion from the shelter. No shelter serving homeless
66 families may admit a person who is listed on the registry of sexual
67 offenders maintained pursuant to chapter 969. The Commissioner of
68 Housing shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of
69 chapter 54, establishing (A) minimum standards for shelter grievance
70 procedures and rules concerning the suspension and expulsion of
71 shelter residents, and (B) standards for the review and approval of the
72 operating policies of shelters receiving a grant under this section. Shelter
73 operating policies shall establish a procedure for the release of
74 information concerning a resident who is listed on the registry of sexual
75 offenders maintained pursuant to chapter 969 to a law enforcement
76 officer in accordance with this subsection. To carry out the provisions of
77 subdivision (1) of this subsection, each shelter may (i) accept donations
78 of menstrual products and grants from any source for the purpose of
79 purchasing such products, and (ii) partner with a nonprofit or
80 community-based organization.

81 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) On and after September 1, 2022,
82 each emergency shelter operated by a domestic violence agency, as
83 defined in section 52-146k of the general statutes, shall provide free
84 menstrual products, as defined in section 18-69e of the general statutes,

85 as amended by this act, in each restroom of the shelter that is accessible
86 to its residents and in a manner that does not stigmatize any resident
87 seeking such products, pursuant to guidelines established by the
88 Commissioner of Public Health under section 7 of this act. To carry out
89 the provisions of this section, each shelter may (1) accept donations of
90 menstrual products and grants from any source for the purpose of
91 purchasing such products, and (2) partner with a nonprofit or
92 community-based organization.

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

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

97 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before July 1, 2022, the
98 Commissioner of Public Health shall establish guidelines regarding the
99 manner in which menstrual products may be provided pursuant to
100 section 8-359a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, section 18-
101 69e of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and sections 2, 3 and
102 5 of this act, without stigmatizing the person who requests such
103 products. The commissioner shall post such guidelines on the
104 Department of Public Health's Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	18-69e
Sec. 2	July 1, 2022	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2022	New section
Sec. 4	July 1, 2022	8-359a
Sec. 5	July 1, 2022	New section
Sec. 6	from passage	12-412(122)
Sec. 7	from passage	New section

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