

House File 883 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 543)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for access to feminine hygiene products in
2 public school restrooms and making an appropriation.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **279.87 Access to feminine hygiene**
2 **products — restrooms — appropriation.**

3 1. The board of directors of a school district shall ensure
4 that feminine hygiene products can be accessed by female
5 students without cost in the women's restrooms in school
6 buildings in the district where students in grades six through
7 twelve are educated and that the supply of feminine hygiene
8 products is refilled regularly. For purposes of this section,
9 "*feminine hygiene products*" means sanitary napkins, tampons, or
10 other similar items used for feminine hygiene.

11 2. There is appropriated annually from the general fund
12 of the state to the department of education for the period
13 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028, an amount
14 necessary to fund the full cost of compliance with this
15 section by school districts. The department shall establish
16 processes for school districts to submit the documented
17 cost of compliance with this section to the department on a
18 quarter, trimester, or semester basis and for the department
19 to reimburse school districts for such costs. The department
20 may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this
21 subsection. This subsection is repealed July 1, 2028.

22 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
23 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
24 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall be
25 paid by a school district from funds appropriated by section
26 279.84, subsection 2, as enacted by this Act, and, for school
27 years beginning on or after July 1, 2028, from state school
28 foundation aid received by the school district under section
29 257.16. This specification of the payment of the state cost
30 shall be deemed to meet all of the state funding-related
31 requirements of section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional
32 state funding shall be necessary for the full implementation of
33 this Act by and enforcement of this Act against all affected
34 school districts.

35 EXPLANATION

1 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
2 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3 This bill requires school boards to ensure that feminine
4 hygiene products can be accessed by female students without
5 cost in the women's restrooms in school buildings in the
6 district where students in grades 6 through 12 are educated
7 and that the supply of feminine hygiene products is refilled
8 regularly. The bill defines "feminine hygiene products" as
9 sanitary napkins, tampons, or other similar items used for
10 feminine hygiene.

11 The bill appropriates an amount necessary to fund the full
12 cost of compliance with the bill by school districts from the
13 general fund of the state to the department of education for
14 the period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2028.
15 The bill directs the department to establish processes for
16 school districts to submit the documented cost of compliance
17 to the department and for the department to reimburse school
18 districts for such costs.

19 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
20 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
21 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
22 district from funds appropriated by the bill, and, for school
23 years beginning on or after July 1, 2028, from state school
24 foundation aid received by the school district under Code
25 section 257.16. The specification is deemed to constitute
26 state compliance with any state mandate funding-related
27 requirements of Code section 25B.2. The inclusion of this
28 specification is intended to reinstate the requirement of
29 political subdivisions to comply with any state mandates
30 included in the bill.