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SYNOPSIS

Requires each public institution of higher education to convene menstrual equity task force.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning menstrual equity at public institutions of higher
2 education.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The president of each public institution of higher
8 education shall convene a menstrual equity task force. The purpose
9 of the task force shall be to further advance the institution's efforts
10 towards achieving menstrual equity. The task force shall review
11 the current efforts, needs, and access to menstrual products on
12 campus and identify best practices towards achieving menstrual
13 equity.

14 b. Members of the task force shall be appointed by the
15 president of the institution and shall include a cross-section of
16 campus stakeholders including, as applicable, representatives of:
17 the student body; faculty and staff; administration; student housing;
18 athletics; student health centers; on-campus food pantries or similar
19 resources; and facilities management.

20 c. No later than six months after the effective date of this act,
21 the task force shall submit to the president a comprehensive and
22 sustainable plan towards achieving menstrual equity on campus that
23 is best suited to the needs of the institution. The plan shall include,
24 but shall not be limited to:

25 (1) an estimate of the number of students and other individuals in
26 need of free products;

27 (2) suitable locations for free product distribution;

28 (3) any other proposals that the task force believes would
29 advance the goal of menstrual equity on campus;

30 (4) the projected cost of the plan; and

31 (5) a timeline for implementation of the plan that ensures full
32 implementation by the institution within 12 months of the effective
33 date of this act.

34 The president shall forward the plan to the governing body of the
35 institution, which shall then forward the plan to the Governor, and
36 to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
37 (C.52:14-19.1).

38 d. The president of the institution shall implement the plan
39 within 12 months of the effective date of this act.

40 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the
41 institution from taking action towards menstrual equity in advance
42 of the timeline established pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection
43 c. of this section.

44 e. As used in this act, "menstrual equity" means equal and
45 comprehensive access to menstrual hygiene products, which both
46 remove barriers to care and reduces stigma surrounding
47 menstruation.

1 f. Each task force shall expire 30 days after the submission of
2 its plan to its governing body.

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4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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7 STATEMENT

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9 This bill requires each public institution of higher education to
10 convene a menstrual equity task force.

11 Under the bill, the president of each public institution of higher
12 education is required to convene a menstrual equity task force. The
13 purpose of the task force is to further advance the institution's
14 efforts towards achieving menstrual equity.

15 The bill requires members of the task force to be appointed by
16 the president of the institution. Members are to include a cross-
17 section of campus stakeholders including, as applicable,
18 representatives of: the student body; faculty and staff;
19 administration; student housing; athletics; student health centers;
20 on-campus food pantries or similar resources; and facilities
21 management.

22 The bill requires that, no later than six months after the bill's
23 effective date, the task force is to submit to its president a
24 comprehensive and sustainable plan towards achieving menstrual
25 equity on campus that is best suited to the needs of the institution.
26 The plan is to include, but need not be limited to:

27 (1) an estimate on the number of students and other individuals
28 in need of free products;

29 (2) suitable locations for free product distribution;

30 (3) any other proposals that the task force believes would
31 advance the goal of menstrual equity on campus;

32 (4) the projected cost of the plan; and

33 (5) a timeline for implementation of the plan.

34 The bill requires the president to forward the plan to the governing
35 body of the institution, which shall then forward the plan to the
36 Governor and to the Legislature.

37 Finally, the bill requires the president of the institution to
38 implement the plan within 12 months of the bill's effective date.