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3 HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HB50
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would establish a grant program
9 for awarding funds to public schools to provide no
10 cost feminine hygiene products to students.
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12 A BILL
13 TO BE ENTITLED
14 AN ACT
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16 Relating to public K-12 education; to establish a
17 grant program for awarding funds to public schools to provide
18 no cost feminine hygiene products to students.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this act, the
21 following terms shall have the following meanings:

22 (1) FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS. Includes sanitary
23 napkins and tampons.

24 (2) QUALIFYING SCHOOL. A public school that
25 satisfies each of the following criteria:

26 a. Provides instruction in any grade in grades five
27 through 12.

1 b. Receives Title I funds.

2 (b)(1) There is established a grant program to award
3 funds to local boards of education to provide feminine hygiene
4 products to students enrolled in qualifying schools at no cost
5 to those students. The program shall be administered by the
6 State Department of Education, and the department shall
7 develop procedures for the administration of the program.

8 (2)a. The State Superintendent of Education shall
9 annually, on or before September 1, certify the total funds
10 available to be awarded under the program each school year and
11 shall allocate grant awards to the applicable local board of
12 education for each qualifying school on a pro rata basis based
13 on the total number of female students enrolled in grades 5
14 through 12 at those schools.

15 b. The department shall annually reimburse each
16 local board of education the actual cost of feminine hygiene
17 products and dispensers purchased by the local board for
18 distribution at each qualifying school, not to exceed the
19 annual grant allocation for that school.

20 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall
21 annually notify the local superintendent of education for each
22 qualifying school of the amount of grant funds allocated to
23 each local board of education for the qualifying school, and
24 the local superintendent shall also provide notice to the
25 department regarding the intention of each school to
26 participate in the program.

1 (4) Any qualifying school that accepts a grant award
2 under this section shall make feminine hygiene products
3 readily available in each women's restroom of a qualifying
4 school building that is routinely utilized by students in
5 grades five 5 through 12 at no cost to students.

6 (5) Grants shall be awarded annually beginning with
7 the 2022-2023 school year, and each school year thereafter.

8 (6) The grants provided by this section shall be
9 contingent on the availability of funds. The Legislature may
10 appropriate funds to the department for this program, and the
11 department may accept funds from nongovernmental entities to
12 be used for this program. Funds not expended in any fiscal
13 year shall not revert but shall remain with the department for
14 use in implementing this program.

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on August
16 1, 2022, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
17 or its otherwise becoming law.