

1 HB50
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3 By Representative Hollis
4 RFD: Ways and Means Education
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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 Relating to public K-12 education; to establish a
9 grant program for awarding funds to public schools to provide
10 no cost feminine hygiene products to students.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

14 (1) FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS. Includes sanitary
15 napkins and tampons.

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

18 a. Provides instruction in any grade in grades five
19 through 12.

20 b. Receives Title I funds.

21 (b) (1) There is established a grant program to award
22 funds to local boards of education to provide feminine hygiene
23 products to students enrolled in qualifying schools at no cost
24 to those students. The program shall be administered by the
25 State Department of Education, and the department shall
26 develop procedures for the administration of the program.

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

8 b. The department shall annually reimburse each
9 local board of education the actual cost of feminine hygiene
10 products and dispensers purchased by the local board for
11 distribution at each qualifying school, not to exceed the
12 annual grant allocation for that school.

13 (3) The State Superintendent of Education shall
14 annually notify the local superintendent of education for each
15 qualifying school of the amount of grant funds allocated to
16 each local board of education for the qualifying school, and
17 the local superintendent shall also provide notice to the
18 department regarding the intention of each school to
19 participate in the program.

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

25 (4) Any qualifying school that accepts a grant award
26 under this section shall provide feminine hygiene products to
27 female students in grades 5 through 12 through a female school

1 counselor, female nurse, or female teacher selected by the
2 principal at no cost to students.

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

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

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on August
13 1, 2022, following its passage and approval by the Governor,
14 or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 102, Nays 0, Abstains 0

Jeff Woodard
Clerk