

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 195

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MOORE, NEWELL, AND MARCELLE

SCHOOLS: Requires public schools to provide free menstrual products in easily accessible locations (EG INCREASE LF EX See Note)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:182 and 3996(B)(67), relative to students; to require public school
3 governing authorities to provide free menstrual products for students; and to provide
4 for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:182 and 3996(B)(67) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §182. Menstrual products

8 A. Each public school governing authority shall make menstrual products
9 available in easily accessible locations. The products shall be provided at no cost to
10 the students.

11 B. For purposes of this Section, "menstrual products" means sanitary napkins
12 and tampons for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

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14 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

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16 B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and
17 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a
18 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this
19 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be

1 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are
2 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
3 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

- 4 * * *
- 5 (67) Menstrual products, R.S. 17:182.
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7 Section 2. Subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature for this purpose,
8 the provisions of R.S. 17:182 and 3996(B)(67) as enacted by this Act shall be implemented
9 not later than the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the provision of free menstrual products in easily accessible locations.

Proposed law requires each public school governing authority to make free menstrual products (sanitary napkins and tampons) available in easily accessible locations. Subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislature, requires proposed law to be implemented not later than the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

(Adds R.S. 17:182 and 3996(B)(67))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove student restrooms as required locations for product availability.
2. Subject implementation of proposed law by the 2023-2024 school year to the appropriation of funds by the legislature.