

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 117

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SCHOOLS: Requires public schools to provide free menstrual products in easily accessible locations

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(75), relative to students; to require public school
3 governing authorities to provide free menstrual products for students; to provide
4 relative to implementation; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(75) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §2122. 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
20 exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are

1 applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for
2 the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

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4 (75) Menstrual products, R.S. 17:2122.

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6 Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(75) as enacted by this Act
7 shall be implemented in each school year for which the legislature appropriates funds for this
8 purpose.

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. Requires that proposed law be implemented during each year that funds are appropriated for this purpose.

(Adds R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(75))