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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1264

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO MAKE FEMININE HYGIENE
2 PRODUCTS AVAILABLE, AT NO COST TO STUDENTS, IN THE BATHROOMS OR
3 OFFICES OF THE SCHOOL NURSE IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR STUDENTS IN
4 GRADE 6 THROUGH GRADE 12; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Legislature finds the
7 following:

8 (a) Feminine hygiene products are a health care
9 necessity and not an item that can be foregone or substituted
10 easily;

11 (b) Access to feminine hygiene products is a serious
12 and ongoing need in this state;

13 (c) When students do not have access to affordable
14 feminine hygiene products, they may miss multiple days of school
15 every month; and

16 (d) When students have access to quality feminine
17 hygiene products, they are able to continue with their daily lives
18 with minimal interruption.



19 (2) As used in this section the following terms shall have
20 the meaning ascribed herein:

21 (a) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons and
22 sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

23 (b) "School building" means any facility:

24 (i) That is owned or leased by the school district
25 or over which the board has care, custody and control; and

26 (ii) In which there is a public school serving
27 students in Grade 6 through Grade 12.

28 (3) School districts are authorized to make feminine hygiene
29 products available, at no cost to students, in the bathrooms or
30 offices of the school nurse in school buildings.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2023.

