

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 827

Short Title: Feminine Hygiene Grant Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Murdock and Mayfield (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget

May 27, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCT GRANT PROGRAM FOR
PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 25B of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes reads as rewritten:

"Article 25B.

~~"Mental-Health Needs of Student.~~Students.

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§ 115C-377. Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program.

(a) Program; Purpose. – The Department of Public Instruction shall establish the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program (Program) to enable public school units to provide students with feminine hygiene products at no charge to the student to (i) support the students' continued attendance at school during their menstrual cycle, (ii) provide hygiene products to students who cannot afford them, and (iii) make funds available to public school units for purchasing the products.

(b) Grants. – To the extent funds are made available for the Program, the Department of Public Instruction shall award public school units grants of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) on a first-come, first-served basis. No public school unit shall receive more than one grant per year.

(c) Reporting. – No later than March 15, 2023, and every year thereafter that funds are made available for the program, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the public school units receiving grants under the Program, the specific feminine hygiene products purchased with the grant funds, and the impact of the Program on student health and well-being."

SECTION 2. Section 6(d) of S.L. 2018-32, as amended by Section 1(f) of S.L. 2020-7, reads as rewritten:

"SECTION 6.(d) Applicability of Specific Statutes. – The local board of education with an approved renewal school system plan shall be subject to the following Articles and sections of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes:

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(16a) Article 25B, ~~Mental-Health Needs of Students.~~

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SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year pursuant to G.S. 115C-377 to fund the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program established pursuant to this act.



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SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.