



Tennessee HB 39

Enhancing Access to Menstrual Hygiene in Tennessee Schools

1. Mandates that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools provide menstrual hygiene products free of charge in all women and girls' restrooms, locker rooms, and with the school nurse.
2. **Qualifications:** Senior high public schools including charter schools. The Department of Education may develop policies and guide LEAs and public charter schools to assist local boards of education and public charter school governing bodies in complying with the requirements.
3. **Funding:** T.B.D



Tennessee HB 39 seeks to enhance access to menstrual hygiene products by mandating that Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools offer these items at no cost. If the bill is approved, it will require that all women's and girls' restrooms, locker rooms, and school nurse offices in public senior high schools be equipped with necessary menstrual products. This change moves from merely allowing to requiring the availability of these products, to foster equity and support the health and well-being of students throughout the state.

"Feminine hygiene products are as essential as toilet paper and are not a luxury. My goal is to bring dignity to these young ladies, keep them healthy, and ensure they can stay in the classroom."

- State Representative Elaine Davis

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