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HOUSE BILL **421**

AN ACT relative to providing menstrual hygiene products at no cost to individuals who biologically menstruate in state and county correctional facilities.

SPONSORS: Rep. Read, Rock. 10; Rep. A. Murray, Hills. 20; Rep. Cam. Kenney, Straf. 10; Rep. Popovici-Muller, Rock. 17; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24

COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires menstrual hygiene products to be provided at no cost to individuals in state and county correctional facilities who biologically menstruate.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 194:1 New Subdivision; County Departments of Correction; Care and Custody of Individuals Who
2 Biologically Menstruate. Amend RSA 30-B by inserting after section 26 the following new subdivision:

3 Care and Custody of Individuals Who Biologically Menstruate

4 30-B:27 Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products. The superintendent of each county correctional
5 facility shall provide sufficient menstrual hygiene products to individuals who are in the custody of the
6 county who biologically menstruate, at no cost to such persons. Sufficiency shall be considered, at
7 minimum, a combination of 20 standard issue menstrual hygiene products per individual's menstrual
8 cycle. An individual may request additional menstrual hygiene products based exclusively on their cycle
9 at no cost at the discretion of the superintendent. The number of menstrual hygiene products kept in a
10 cell shall not be excessive so as not to create safety or security issues and shall only be used for the
11 intended purpose. As used in this section, "menstrual hygiene products" means tampons, menstrual
12 pads, sanitary napkins, and pantliners.

13 194:2 New Section; Care and Custody of Female Convicts; Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products.
14 Amend RSA 622 by inserting after section 37 the following new section:

15 622:37-a Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products. The warden or director of each state correctional
16 facility and any facility listed in RSA 169-B:14, I(c) or (e) shall provide sufficient menstrual hygiene
17 products to individuals who are in the custody of the state who biologically menstruate, at no cost to such
18 persons. Sufficiency shall be considered, at minimum, a combination of 20 standard issue menstrual
19 hygiene products per individual's menstrual cycle. An individual may request additional menstrual
20 hygiene products based exclusively on their cycle at no cost at the discretion of the commissioner, or
21 designee. The number of menstrual hygiene products kept in a cell shall not be excessive so as not to
22 create safety or security issues and shall only be used for the intended purpose. As used in this section,
23 "menstrual hygiene products" means tampons, menstrual pads, sanitary napkins, and pantliners.

194:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect August 1, 2023.

Approved: August 04, 2023
Effective Date: August 01, 2023