

OHIO HB 33

Breaking Barriers: Free Menstrual Care Products for Ohio Students!

1. HB 33 directs the Department of Education and Workforce to provide schools with one-time funds and reimbursements related to feminine hygiene materials:

- a. \$2 million to provide funds to districts and schools to install dispensers; and
- b. \$3 million to reimburse district and school costs to provide feminine hygiene products.

2. DISPENSERS (ORC 265.377)

- a. **Qualifications:** each school district, public school, and chartered nonpublic school enrolling girls in any of the grades 6-12
- b. **Timeline:** The Department is developing an application process and plans to disburse dispenser-specific funds to schools before October 2023.



Empowerment starts with access. A groundbreaking bill has been passed, securing funds to provide FREE menstrual care products to students in Ohio schools. No longer will menstruation hinder a student's ability to fully participate in their education.

Why is this a Game Changer?

Period Positivity: Menstrual care products are a basic necessity, and ensuring their availability promotes a positive and supportive learning environment for all students.

Educational Equity: By eliminating barriers to access, we create equal opportunities for academic success, regardless of gender or economic background.

Focus on Learning: With menstrual care products readily available, students can focus on their studies and personal growth without disruptions.

Sec. 3313.6413. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Feminine hygiene products" has the same meaning as in section 5739.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Other public school" has the same meaning as in section 3301.0711 of the Revised Code.

(3) "School building" means any facility that is owned, leased, or under the care, custody, and control of a school district board of education or other public school.

(4) "Chartered nonpublic school" has the same meaning as in section 3310.01 of the Revised Code.

(B)(1) Each school district, other public school, and chartered nonpublic school that enrolls girls in any of grades six through twelve shall provide free feminine hygiene products to those students. All such products shall be for use on school premises.

(2) Each school district, other public school, and chartered nonpublic school shall determine where feminine hygiene products are to be kept in the school.

(3) Each school district, other public school, and chartered nonpublic school may choose to provide free feminine hygiene products to students below grade six.

Education and Workforce may extend the period of availability of awards made under this section up to two fiscal years according to guidelines established by the Department of Education and Workforce.

SECTION 265.377. FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Of the foregoing appropriation item 2006A5, Feminine Hygiene Products, up to \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 shall be used to provide funds to each school district, other public school, and chartered nonpublic school that enrolls girls in any of grades six through twelve in order to install dispensers for feminine hygiene products in each school building under its control.

Of the foregoing appropriation item 2006A5, Feminine Hygiene Products, up to \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 shall be used to reimburse school districts, other public schools, and chartered nonpublic schools in a manner determined by the Department of Education and Workforce, for costs incurred to provide free feminine hygiene products pursuant to section 3313.6413 of the Revised Code.