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for

Senate Bill 86

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A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §18-5-22e, relating to county boards of education; and requiring boards to provide free feminine hygiene products in grades six through 12 to female students not otherwise having access to the products.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-5-22e. Feminine hygiene products to be provided to grades 6 through 12.

(a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section:

“Feminine hygiene products” means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

(b) All county boards of education shall make feminine hygiene products available to female students, attending public school, in grades 6-12. The boards shall make the feminine hygiene products available at no cost and in a discrete manner to students in the identified population when the female students do not otherwise have access to such feminine hygiene products. All county boards of education shall develop a policy for the discrete provision of feminine hygiene products.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require county boards of education to provide free, discrete access to feminine hygiene products in grades six through 12 to female students that do not otherwise have access to the feminine hygiene products.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.