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HOUSE BILL NO. 310

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SCHOOLS: Requires public schools to provide free menstrual products in easily accessible locations

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To enact R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82), relative to students; to require public school |
| 3 | governing authorities to provide free menstrual products for students; to provide |
| 4 | relative to implementation; and to provide for related matters. |
| 5 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 6 | Section 1. R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82) are hereby enacted to read as follows: |
| 7 | <u>§2122. Menstrual products</u> |
| 8 | A. Each public school governing authority shall make menstrual products |
| 9 | available in easily accessible locations. The products shall be provided at no cost to |
| 10 | the students. |
| 11 | B. For purposes of this Section, "menstrual products" means sanitary napkins |
| 12 | and tampons for use in connection with the menstrual cycle. |
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| 14 | §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements |
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| 16 | B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and |
| 17 | except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a |
| 18 | charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this |
| 19 | Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be |
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| 1 | exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are |
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| 2 | applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for |
| 3 | the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades: |
| 4 | * * * |
| 5 | (82) Menstrual products, R.S. 17:2122. |
| 6 | * * * |
| 7 | Section 2. The provisions of R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82) as enacted by this Act |
| 8 | shall be implemented in each school year for which the legislature appropriates funds for this |
| 9 | purpose. |
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Abstract: Requires the provision of free menstrual products in easily accessible locations.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires each public school governing authority to make free menstrual products (sanitary napkins and tampons) available in easily accessible locations. Requires that <u>proposed law</u> be implemented during each school year that funds are appropriated for this purpose.

(Adds R.S. 17:2122 and 3996(B)(82))