

SENATE BILL 625

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By: **Senators Benson, Madaleno, Pinsky, Robinson, and Young**

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Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools and Shelters – Homeless Girls and Women – Feminine Hygiene**
3 **Products**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to make available to certain
5 homeless female students a certain supply of feminine hygiene products in a certain
6 manner; authorizing funds provided by the Department of Human Resources to local
7 administering agencies for certain service providers and to certain service providers
8 for a certain purpose to be used to purchase a certain supply of feminine hygiene
9 products for a certain purpose; providing that certain feminine hygiene products be
10 made available free to certain female residents in shelters; defining certain terms;
11 and generally relating to feminine hygiene products for homeless girls and women.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Education
14 Section 7–440
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Human Services
19 Section 6–441 to be under the new part “Part V. Homeless Women – Feminine
20 Hygiene Products”
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article – Education**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



7-440.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS" MEANS TAMPONS AND SANITARY NAPKINS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE.

(B) EACH COUNTY BOARD, THROUGH SCHOOL NURSES, SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO FEMALE STUDENTS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO BE HOMELESS CHILDREN OR YOUTH UNDER THE FEDERAL MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT A FREE SUPPLY OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS.

Article – Human Services

6-439. RESERVED.

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PART V. HOMELESS WOMEN – FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS.

6-441.

(A) (1) IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS" MEANS TAMPONS AND SANITARY NAPKINS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE.

(3) "LOCAL ADMINISTERING AGENCY" MEANS THE AGENCY DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO MANAGE THE PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES, INCLUDING THE HOMELESS WOMEN – CRISIS SHELTER HOME PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE A SERVICE DIRECTLY OR BY CONTRACT WITH A SERVICE PROVIDER.

(4) "SERVICE PROVIDER" MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL ADMINISTERING AGENCY TO PROVIDE SHELTER SERVICES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

(B) (1) FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO LOCAL ADMINISTERING AGENCIES FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES, INCLUDING THE HOMELESS WOMEN – CRISIS SHELTER HOME PROGRAM, MAY BE USED TO PURCHASE A SUPPLY OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FEMALE RESIDENTS IN SHELTERS.

1 **(2) THE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS PURCHASED UNDER**
2 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FREE TO FEMALE**
3 **RESIDENTS IN SHELTERS.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2017.