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Liston, McNally**

A BILL

To enact sections 341.261, 753.321, and 5120.631 of
the Revised Code to require municipal and county
correctional facilities and state correctional
institutions to provide inmates experiencing a
menstrual cycle with an adequate supply of
feminine hygiene products.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 341.261, 753.321, and 5120.631 of
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 341.261. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "County correctional facility" means a county jail,
county workhouse, minimum security jail, joint city and county
workhouse, municipal-county correctional center, multicounty-
municipal correctional center, municipal-county jail or
workhouse, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse.

(2) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary
napkins that are used for the menstrual cycle.

(B) Each county correctional facility shall provide 17
inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply 18
based on individualized need, in perpetuity and without 19
reprimand, of feminine hygiene products in a variety of sizes at 20
no cost to the inmates. 21

(C) Each county correctional facility shall have a written 22
policy and procedure in place that does all of the following: 23

(1) Protects inmates from the denial of feminine hygiene 24
products based on race, sex, gender identity, income status, 25
degree of charge, disability status, or any other type of 26
discriminatory identity; 27

(2) Establishes proper methods of storing, administering, 28
and disposing of feminine hygiene products; 29

(3) Establishes sanitary and safe procedures for hand 30
washing and cleaning of surfaces between restrooms and the 31
designated area for disposal bins. 32

(D) Each county correctional facility shall provide a 33
separate disposal container with a lid in a safe, designated 34
area for use by inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle within 35
the facility to dispose of used, soiled, or damaged feminine 36
hygiene products. 37

(E) No county correctional facility shall deny inmates 38
feminine hygiene products or the use of showering or bathing 39
facilities while experiencing menstruation, regardless of 40
whether the inmates are separated from the general population 41
for degree of charge or disciplinary reasons. 42

Sec. 753.321. (A) As used in this section: 43

(1) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary 44

napkins that are used for the menstrual cycle. 45

(2) "Municipal correctional facility" means a municipal 46
jail, municipal workhouse, minimum security jail, joint city and 47
county workhouse, municipal-county correctional center, 48
multicounty-municipal correctional center, municipal-county jail 49
or workhouse, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse. 50

(B) Each municipal correctional facility shall provide 51
inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply 52
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feminine hygiene products or the use of showering or bathing 74
facilities while experiencing menstruation, regardless of 75
whether the inmates are separated from the general population 76
for degree of charge or disciplinary reasons. 77

Sec. 5120.631. (A) As used in this section: 78

(1) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary 79
napkins that are used for the menstrual cycle. 80

(2) "State correctional institution" has the same meaning 81
as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code. 82

(B) Each state correctional institution shall provide 83
inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply 84
based on individualized need, in perpetuity and without 85
reprimand, of feminine hygiene products in a variety of sizes at 86
no cost to the inmates. 87

(C) Each state correctional institution shall have a 88
written policy and procedure in place that does all of the 89
following: 90

(1) Protects inmates from the denial of feminine hygiene 91
products based on race, sex, gender identity, income status, 92
degree of charge, disability status, or any other type of 93
discriminatory identity; 94

(2) Establishes proper methods of storing, administering, 95
and disposing of feminine hygiene products; 96

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washing and cleaning of surfaces between restrooms and the 98
designated area for disposal bins. 99

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separate disposal container with a lid in a safe, designated 101
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