

HOUSE BILL 208

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public
4 school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers
5 in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public middle or high school to install
6 menstrual hygiene product dispensers in ~~a certain number of~~ certain restrooms by
7 certain dates; requiring a public elementary school to install menstrual hygiene
8 product dispensers in at least one restroom by a certain date; defining a certain term;
9 and generally relating to the provision of menstrual hygiene products in public
10 schools.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Education
13 Section 7–446
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Article – Education

7-446.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS” MEANS SIZE-APPROPRIATE TAMPONS OR SANITARY NAPKINS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE.

(B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL PROVIDE, AT NO CHARGE TO STUDENTS, MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS VIA DISPENSERS IN THE RESTROOMS AT THE SCHOOL.

(C) (1) A PUBLIC MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL SHALL INSTALL MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCT DISPENSERS IN:

~~(1)~~ (I) AT LEAST TWO RESTROOMS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2020; AND

~~(2)~~ (II) ~~ALL RESTROOMS ON~~ ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2024;

1. IF THE RESTROOMS ARE DIVIDED BY GENDER:

A. AT LEAST ONE MEN’S RESTROOM; AND

B. ALL WOMEN’S RESTROOMS; OR

2. IF THE RESTROOMS ARE NOT DIVIDED BY GENDER, ALL RESTROOMS.

(2) A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHALL INSTALL MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCT DISPENSERS IN AT LEAST ONE RESTROOM ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2020.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.