

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1221

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1221 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires school districts to ensure that students in schools educating students in grades 6 through 12, or any combination thereof, have direct access to menstrual products in at least 50 percent of female school bathrooms free of charge.

Any costs incurred by a school district in complying with the provisions of this bill will be borne by the State. For purposes of this bill, “menstrual products” mean tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to replace the term “feminine hygiene products” with the term “menstrual products.” The committee amendments stipulate that menstrual products are to be made available in at least 50 percent of female bathrooms in a school subject to the provisions of the bill, instead of in all school bathrooms, as originally provided in the bill.