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## HOUSE BILL 1273

State of Washington 67th Legislature 2021 Regular Session

By Representatives Berg and Caldier

- 1 AN ACT Relating to menstrual hygiene products in school and 2 postsecondary institution bathrooms; adding a new section to chapter
- 3 28A.210 RCW; and adding a new chapter to Title 28B RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.210 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) By the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, school districts 8 and private schools must make menstrual hygiene products available at 9 no cost in all gender-neutral bathrooms and bathrooms designated for 10 female students located in schools that serve students in any of 11 grades six through twelve.
- 12 (2) Menstrual hygiene products must include sanitary napkins, 13 tampons, or similar items.
- 14 (3) School districts and private schools must bear the cost of 15 supplying menstrual hygiene products. School districts and private 16 schools may seek grants or partner with nonprofit or community-based 17 organizations to fulfill this obligation.
- 18 (4) This section governs school operation and management under 19 RCW 28A.710.040 and 28A.715.020 and applies to charter schools 20 established under chapter 28A.710 RCW and state-tribal compact 21 schools established under chapter 28A.715 RCW.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) By the beginning of the 2022-23 academic year, institutions of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030 must make menstrual hygiene products available at no cost 3 in all gender-neutral bathrooms and bathrooms designated for female 4 students.

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- (2) Menstrual hygiene products must include sanitary napkins, 6 7 tampons, or similar items.
- (3) Institutions of higher education must bear the cost of 8 supplying menstrual hygiene products. Institutions of higher 9 education may seek grants or partner with nonprofit or community-10 11 based organizations to fulfill this obligation.
- <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this act constitutes a new 12 13 chapter in Title 28B RCW.

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