A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1	To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20, Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 42, and
2	Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, inmate
3	policies, and general provisions regarding social services, respectively, so as to increase
4	access to disposable menstrual products in public schools, penal institutions, certain social
5	service shelters, and housing facilities; to provide for definitions; to require the provision of
6	disposable menstrual products to certain persons at no cost; to authorize the Department of
7	Education to promulgate model policies and guidance for local boards of education; to
8	provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.
9	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
10	SECTION 1.
11	Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
12	relating to health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
13	″ <u>20-2-779.2.</u>
14	(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
15	(1) 'Disposable menstrual products' means products used by menstruating individuals,
16	including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, and underwear liners.

(2) 'Menstruating individual' means any person who menstruates.

- 18 (b) In every school with an enrollment of students in any grade from the sixth through
- 19 twelfth grade, each local board of education shall provide disposable menstrual products
- 20 in all restrooms of such school building or buildings for menstruating individuals. Such
- disposable menstrual products shall be provided at no charge to students. Such products 21
- shall be provided in a convenient manner and in such a way that it shall not stigmatize any 22
- 23 menstruating individual seeking or in need of disposable menstrual products. The
- 24 Department of Education is authorized to promulgate model policies and provide guidance 25 to assist local boards of education with implementing the requirements of this Code section."
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SECTION 2.

- 28 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 42 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to 29 inmate policies, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
 - "42-1-11.4.
- 31 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:
- 32 (1) 'Custodian' means warden, sheriff, jailer, deputy sheriff, police officer, or any other 33 law enforcement officer.
- 34 (2) 'Disposable menstrual products' means products used by menstruating individuals,
- 35 including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, and underwear liners.
- 36 (3) 'Menstruating individual' means any person who menstruates.
- 37 (4) 'Officer in charge' means any custodian who is responsible for the supervision of a 38 penal institution.
- 39 (5) 'Penal institution' means any place of confinement for juvenile or adult individuals
- 40 accused of, convicted of, or adjudicated for violating a law of this state or an ordinance
- 41 of a political subdivision of this state.

42	(b) Disposable menstrual products shall be provided at no cost to menstruating individuals
43	who are housed or who are detained in a penal institution. The officer in charge shall
44	ensure that such products are provided in a convenient manner and in such a way that it
45	shall not stigmatize any menstruating individual seeking or in need of disposable menstrual
46	products."
47	SECTION 3.
48	Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general
49	provisions regarding social services, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
50	follows:
51	″ <u>49-1-9.</u>
52	(a) As used in this Code section, the term:
53	(1) 'Disposable menstrual products' means products used by menstruating individuals,

- 54 <u>including, but not limited to, sanitary napkins, tampons, and underwear liners.</u>
- 55 (2) 'Menstruating individual' means any person who menstruates.
- (b) Any provider of temporary housing assistance, including, but not limited to, a family
 shelter, a shelter for adults, a hotel used for emergency shelter, an emergency apartment,
 a domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth shelter, or a safe house for
 refugees, shall provide disposable menstrual products at no cost to menstruating
 individuals. Such products shall be provided in a convenient manner and in such a way
 that it shall not stigmatize any menstruating individual seeking or in need of disposable
 menstrual products."
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SECTION 4.

64 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.