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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1050

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require school districts to
- 2 provide menstrual products to students as prescribed; to define
- 3 terms; to limit liability; and to provide powers and duties to
- 4 school districts, the State Department of Education, and the State
- 5 Board of Education.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. For purposes of sections 1 to 6 of this act:
- 2 (1) Dispenser means a product or system installed or placed in a
- 3 school bathroom for the purpose of dispensing menstrual products free of
- 4 charge. A dispenser may include simple systems such as a basket;
- 5 (2) Menstrual products means period products used during
- 6 menstruation, including pads and tampons;
- 7 (3) Public school building means a building used by a school
- 8 <u>district to provide educational services to middle school or high school</u>
- 9 <u>students; and</u>
- 10 <u>(4) School bathroom means a female or single-use bathroom in a</u>
- 11 <u>public school building and includes a female locker room if such locker</u>
- 12 <u>room includes toilet facilities.</u>
- 13 Sec. 2. (1) Beginning with the 2025-26 school year, the State
- 14 Department of Education shall make available to each school district the
- 15 appropriate number of menstrual products and dispensers required by each
- 16 school district pursuant to section 3 of this act.
- 17 (2) The State Board of Education shall develop a formula for use by
- 18 school districts in determining the appropriate number of menstrual
- 19 products to request for each public school building based on the number
- 20 of school bathrooms in the public school building, number of students of
- 21 menstruating age attending the school building, and the average number of
- 22 menstrual hygiene products that would be necessary during a school day
- 23 for such students.
- 24 (3) The State Board of Education shall develop a framework for
- 25 school districts to request and receive menstrual products and
- 26 dispensers.
- 27 (4) The State Department of Education shall track distributions to
- 28 each school district to establish need and forecast future procurement.
- 29 Sec. 3. (1) Beginning in school year 2025-26, a school district
- 30 shall ensure that dispensers supplied with free menstrual products,
- 31 including both pads and tampons, are available for use at each school

- 1 bathroom.
- 2 (2) Each school district shall request to the State Department of
- 3 Education by X, XX, XXXX, of each year, on forms and in a manner
- 4 prescribed by the department, the number of menstrual products requested
- 5 for the next school year to ensure menstrual products are available as
- 6 provided in subsection (1) of this section according to the formula
- 7 developed pursuant to subsection (2) of section 2 of this act.
- 8 (3) A school district or an administrator at each public school
- 9 building may determine the best placement of a dispenser in each school
- 10 <u>bathroom and appropriate refill methods.</u>
- 11 (4) A school board or board of education may adopt a policy relating
- 12 <u>to the requirements of this section.</u>
- 13 Sec. 4. A school district or any employee of such school district
- 14 shall not be liable in a criminal action or for civil damages as a result
- 15 of student's use of menstrual products made available pursuant to section
- 16 3 of this act.
- 17 Sec. 5. Beginning in fiscal year 2024-25, it is the intent of the
- 18 Legislature that General Funds in an amount not to exceed XXXX dollars be
- 19 appropriated to carry out sections 1 to 6 of this act.
- Sec. 6. The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules
- 21 and regulations to carry out sections 1 to 6 of this act.