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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Carson, Casimiro, Ajello, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: February 09, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-21-37. Possession of feminine hygiene products.**

4 (a) A student, while on school property or at a school-related event or activity, may
5 possess and use over-the-counter products to treat menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections
6 without a physician's or parent's note.

7 (b) Nothing in this section shall make the school district or its personnel liable for any
8 damages under this section.

9 (c) The school district may encourage schools to educate pupils on the safe use of over-
10 the-counter medications.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would permit students to possess and use over-the-counter products to treat
2 menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections during school activities without a doctor's or parent's
3 note. It would authorize the school district to encourage schools to educate pupils on the safe use
4 of such products, but shall not hold the school district or its personnel liable for any damages.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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