

HOUSE BILL 208

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools – Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public
4 school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers
5 in the restrooms at the school; requiring a school to install menstrual hygiene
6 product dispensers in a certain number of restrooms by certain dates; defining a
7 certain term; and generally relating to the provision of menstrual hygiene products
8 in public schools.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education

11 Section 7–446

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Education**

17 **7–446.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS” MEANS**
19 **SIZE-APPROPRIATE TAMPONS OR SANITARY NAPKINS FOR USE IN CONNECTION**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WITH THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE.

2 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, EACH COUNTY BOARD
3 SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL PROVIDE, AT NO CHARGE TO STUDENTS,
4 MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS VIA DISPENSERS IN THE RESTROOMS AT THE
5 SCHOOL.

6 (C) A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL INSTALL MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCT
7 DISPENSERS IN:

8 (1) AT LEAST TWO RESTROOMS ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2020;
9 AND

10 (2) ALL RESTROOMS ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2024.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2020.