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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to menstrual products

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 1-113 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision f to read as follows:

f. All laws, documents, and materials generated by the city shall be drafted using the term “menstrual products” when referring to products for use in connection with the menstrual cycle such as menstrual cups, tampons, and menstrual pads.

§ 2. Section 21-968 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 84 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

§ 21-968 Provision of [feminine hygiene] menstrual products in schools. a. Definitions. [For the purposes of] As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings[.]:

[Feminine hygiene] Menstrual products. The term “[feminine hygiene] menstrual products” means menstrual cups, tampons, and [sanitary napkins] menstrual pads for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

School building. The term “school building” means any facility that is leased by the department or over which the department has care, custody, and control, in which there is a public school, including a charter school, serving [female] students who menstruate in grades [six] 6 through [twelve] 12.

b. The department shall make [feminine hygiene] menstrual products available at no cost to students in

bathrooms of school buildings.

c. No later than 180 days after the effective date of the local law that added this subdivision, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post on its website a report on schools' provision of menstrual products, as required by subdivision b of this section. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information for the previous year:

1. The number of schools that provided only 1 type of menstrual product to students, including the brand names and types of products provided;

2. The number of schools that provided 2 or more types of menstrual products to students, including the brand names and types of products provided;

3. For schools that provided menstrual products to students, the number of bathrooms or areas in each school where such products were made available to students, including how they were dispensed or otherwise made available; and

4. The number of schools that did not provide menstrual products to students, and the reasons why the products were not provided.

§ 3. Subparagraph d of paragraph 1 of subdivision a of section 20-708.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 129 for the year 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Non-prescription drugs, [feminine hygiene] menstrual products, and health and beauty aids.

§ 4. Paragraph 9 of subdivision b of section 21-332 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 62 for the year 2023, is amended to read as follows:

9. The right to receive diapers and [feminine hygiene] menstrual products;

§ 5. This local law takes effect immediately.

