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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to education on feminine hygiene products

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of 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:

a. Definitions. [For purposes of] As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings[.]:
Feminine hygiene products. The term “feminine hygiene products” means menstrual cups, tampons and sanitary napkins 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 in grades six through twelve.

§ 2. Chapter 8 of title 21-a of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-968.1 to read as follows:

§ 21-968.1 Education on feminine hygiene products in schools. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

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

School. The term “school” means a school of the city school district or any public school or charter school located in a facility that is leased by the department or over which the department has care, custody and control serving students in grades 6 through 12.

b. No later than October 1, 2023, the department of health and mental hygiene shall develop written materials containing information about feminine hygiene products, including:

1. A description of each product;
2. Information on how to use each product;
3. Any health risks associated with each product;
4. Typical costs of each product; and
5. Where each product can be purchased or obtained by students at no cost.

The department of health and mental hygiene shall post the written materials on its website and update the materials as necessary.

c. No later than November 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the department of health and mental hygiene shall provide the written materials required by subdivision b of this section to the department for distribution to each school, to be shared with every student in grades 6 through 12 in each school. The department of health and

mental hygiene shall consult with the department to ensure that the written materials are provided in hard copy to all schools in sufficient quantity to satisfy the requirements of this section.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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