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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, as added by local law number 42 for the year 2002, 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 such as menstrual cups, tampons, and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

§ 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 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.

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

bathrooms of school buildings.

c. No later than 90 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' compliance with the requirements of this section. The report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following for the previous year:

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

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

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

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

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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