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A BILL

To enact sections 341.261, 753.321, and 5120.631 of
the Revised Code to require municipal and county
correctional facilities and state correctional
institutions housing female inmates to provide
inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an
adequate supply of feminine hygiene products.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 341.261, 753.321, and 5120.631 of
the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 341.261. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "County correctional facility" means a county jail,
county workhouse, minimum security jail, joint city and county
workhouse, municipal-county correctional center, multicounty-
municipal correctional center, municipal-county jail or
workhouse, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse.

(2) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary
napkins that are used for the menstrual cycle.

(B) Each county correctional facility housing female inmates shall provide inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply based on individualized need, in perpetuity and without reprimand, of feminine hygiene products in a variety of sizes at no cost to the inmates. 17
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(C) Each county correctional facility housing female inmates shall have a written policy and procedure in place that does all of the following: 22
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(1) Protects inmates from the denial of feminine hygiene products based on race, sex, gender identity, income status, degree of charge, disability status, or any other type of discriminatory identity; 25
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(2) Establishes proper methods of storing, administering, and disposing of feminine hygiene products; 29
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(3) Establishes sanitary and safe procedures for hand washing and cleaning of surfaces between restrooms and the designated area for disposal bins. 31
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(D) Each county correctional facility housing female inmates shall provide a separate disposal container with a lid in a safe, designated area for use by inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle within the facility to dispose of used, soiled, or damaged feminine hygiene products. 34
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(E) No county correctional facility housing female inmates shall deny inmates feminine hygiene products or the use of showering or bathing facilities while experiencing menstruation, regardless of whether the inmates are separated from the general population for degree of charge or disciplinary reasons. 39
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Sec. 753.321. (A) As used in this section: 44

(1) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary napkins that are used for the menstrual cycle. 45
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(2) "Municipal correctional facility" means a municipal jail, municipal workhouse, minimum security jail, joint city and county workhouse, municipal-county correctional center, multicounty-municipal correctional center, municipal-county jail or workhouse, or multicounty-municipal jail or workhouse. 47
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(E) No municipal correctional facility housing female inmates shall deny inmates feminine hygiene products or the use of showering or bathing facilities while experiencing menstruation, regardless of whether the inmates are separated from the general population for degree of charge or disciplinary reasons. 74
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Sec. 5120.631. (A) As used in this section: 80

(1) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary napkins that are used for the menstrual cycle. 81
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(2) "State correctional institution" has the same meaning as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code. 83
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(B) Each state correctional institution housing female inmates shall provide inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply based on individualized need, in perpetuity and without reprimand, of feminine hygiene products in a variety of sizes at no cost to the inmates. 85
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(C) Each state correctional institution housing female inmates shall have a written policy and procedure in place that does all of the following: 90
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