

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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## **Senate Bill 599**

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to the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
 2 designated §18-5-22e, relating to county boards of education; and requiring boards to  
 3 provide free feminine hygiene products in grades six through 12.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

**§18-5-22e. Feminine hygiene products to be provided to grades 6 through 12.**

1 (a) Definitions. For the purposes of this section:  
 2 “Feminine hygiene products” means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection  
 3 with the menstrual cycle.

4 “School building” means any facility: (1) That is owned or leased by the West Virginia  
 5 Department of Education or any county board of education or over which these entities have the  
 6 care, custody, and control; and (2) in which there is a public, private, parochial, denominational  
 7 school, or charter school, with female students in grades 6 through 12.

8 (b) The West Virginia Department of Education or any county board of education shall  
 9 make their choice of feminine hygiene products available, at no cost, to female students.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require county boards of education to provide free feminine hygiene products in grades 6 through 12.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.