

# SENATE BILL 625

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By: **Senators Benson, Currie, Madaleno, Pinsky, Robinson, and Young**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Schools and Shelters – Homeless Girls and Women – Feminine Hygiene**  
3 **Products**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to make available to certain  
5 homeless female students a certain supply of feminine hygiene products in a certain  
6 manner during a certain year; authorizing funds provided by the Department of  
7 Human Resources to local administering agencies for certain service providers and  
8 to certain service providers for a certain purpose to be used to purchase a certain  
9 supply of feminine hygiene products for a certain purpose; providing that certain  
10 feminine hygiene products be made available free to certain female residents in  
11 shelters; defining certain terms; and generally relating to feminine hygiene products  
12 for homeless girls and women.

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Education  
15 Section 7–440  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Human Services  
20 Section 6–441 to be under the new part “Part V. Homeless Women – Feminine  
21 Hygiene Products”  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2007 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 **7-440.**

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS” MEANS TAMPONS  
6 AND SANITARY NAPKINS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE.

7 (B) EACH COUNTY BOARD, THROUGH SCHOOL NURSES, SHALL MAKE  
8 AVAILABLE TO FEMALE STUDENTS WHO ARE DETERMINED TO BE HOMELESS  
9 CHILDREN OR YOUTH UNDER THE FEDERAL MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS  
10 ASSISTANCE ACT A FREE SUPPLY OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS SUFFICIENT TO  
11 MEET THE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS DURING THE NORMAL SCHOOL YEAR.

12 **Article – Human Services**

13 **6-439. RESERVED.**

14 **6-440. RESERVED.**

15 **PART V. HOMELESS WOMEN – FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS.**

16 **6-441.**

17 (A) (1) IN THIS PART THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) “FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS” MEANS TAMPONS AND  
20 SANITARY NAPKINS FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE.

21 (3) “LOCAL ADMINISTERING AGENCY” MEANS THE AGENCY  
22 DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO MANAGE THE  
23 PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES, INCLUDING THE HOMELESS  
24 WOMEN – CRISIS SHELTER HOME PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE A SERVICE  
25 DIRECTLY OR BY CONTRACT WITH A SERVICE PROVIDER.

26 (4) “SERVICE PROVIDER” MEANS A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT  
27 THAT CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL ADMINISTERING AGENCY TO  
28 PROVIDE SHELTER SERVICES FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

29 (B) (1) FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO LOCAL  
30 ADMINISTERING AGENCIES FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO SERVICE PROVIDERS

1 FOR PROGRAMS FOR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING SERVICES, INCLUDING THE  
2 HOMELESS WOMEN – CRISIS SHELTER HOME PROGRAM, MAY BE USED TO  
3 PURCHASE A SUPPLY OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE  
4 NEEDS OF FEMALE RESIDENTS IN SHELTERS.

5 (2) THE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS PURCHASED UNDER  
6 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FREE TO FEMALE  
7 RESIDENTS IN SHELTERS.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
9 1, 2017.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.