

SENATE BILL 625

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

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2017

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: March 13, 2017

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)

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:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.