
Higher Education Committee

HB 2863

Brief Description: Providing feminine hygiene products in community and technical colleges at no cost to students.

Sponsors: Representatives Stambaugh, Kilduff, Sawyer, Wylie, Bergquist, Macri, Doglio and Pollet.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes feminine hygiene products available in restrooms free of charge to community and technical college students.

Hearing Date: 1/30/18

Staff: Megan Mulvihill (786-7304).

Background:

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges is a state agency led by a nine-member governor-appointed board that is charged with coordinating and advocating on behalf of the state's 34 community and technical colleges. The community and technical colleges are located in 30 college districts across the state, and there are 77 different campuses and centers. Over 380,000 students are enrolled in the state's community and technical colleges, and 56 percent of those students are female.

Summary of Bill:

At community and technical colleges, feminine hygiene products must be available at no cost to students in restrooms of buildings serving female students. Feminine hygiene products are defined as tampons and sanitary napkins used in connection with the menstrual cycle.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 17, 2018.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.