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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to educational materials on menstrual products

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 8 of title 21-a of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-968.1 to read as follows:

§ 21-968.1 Education on menstrual products in schools. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Menstrual products. The term “menstrual products” means menstrual cups, tampons, and menstrual pads for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

School. The term “school” means a school of the city school district or any public school or charter school located in a facility that is leased by the department or over which the department has care, custody, and control serving students in grades 4 through 12.

b. No later than 270 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department, in collaboration with the commission on gender equity, shall develop informational materials about menstrual products to be shared with every student in grades 4 through 12. Such informational materials shall include:

1. A description of each product;

2. Information on how to use each product;

3. Health information associated with each product; and

4. Information about students' right to products at no cost in school buildings.

c. The department shall post the informational materials required by subdivision b of this section on its website and update such materials as necessary.

d. No later than 1 year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post on its website a report on the department's distribution of informational materials required by subdivision b of this section. Such report shall include a table in which each separate row references a school building. Each such row shall include the following information set forth in separate columns for the previous 6 months:

1. The school name;

2. The school ID;

3. The number of students in grades 4 through 12;

4. Whether the department provided the school with written materials created pursuant to subdivision b of this section; and

5. Whether the department provided the school with such informational materials as a result of a request made by a school official, including but not limited to a principal, or whether the department provided the school such informational materials in the absence of a request for such materials.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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