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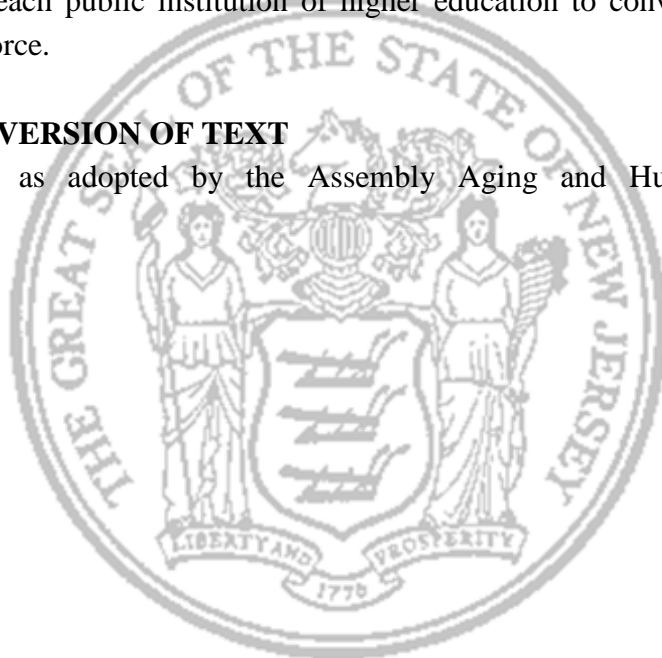
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Assemblyman Atkins, Assemblywoman Peterpaul and Assemblyman
Rodriguez**

SYNOPSIS

Requires each public institution of higher education to convene menstrual equity task force.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Aging and Human Services Committee.



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1 AN ACT concerning menstrual equity at public institutions of higher
2 education

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The president of each public institution of higher education
8 shall convene a menstrual equity task force. The purpose of the
9 task force shall be to further advance the institution's efforts
10 towards achieving menstrual equity. The task force shall review the
11 current efforts, needs, and access to menstrual products on campus
12 and identify best practices towards achieving menstrual equity.

13 b. Members of the task force shall be appointed by the president
14 of the institution and shall include a cross-section of campus
15 stakeholders including, as applicable, representatives of: the student
16 body; faculty and staff; administration; student housing; athletics;
17 student health centers; on-campus food pantries or similar
18 resources; and facilities management.

19 c. No later than six months after the effective date of this act,
20 the task force shall submit to the president a comprehensive and
21 sustainable plan towards achieving menstrual equity on campus that
22 is best suited to the needs of the institution. The plan shall include,
23 but shall not be limited to:

24 (1) an estimate of the number of students and other individuals in
25 need of free products;

26 (2) suitable locations for free product distribution;

27 (3) any other proposals that the task force believes would
28 advance the goal of menstrual equity on campus;

29 (4) the projected cost of the plan; and

30 (5) a timeline for implementation of the plan that ensures full
31 implementation by the institution within 12 months of the effective
32 date of this act.

33 The president shall forward the plan to the governing body of the
34 institution, which shall then forward the plan to the Governor, and
35 to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
36 (C.52:14-19.1).

37 d. The president of the institution shall implement the plan
38 within 12 months of the effective date of this act.

39 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the
40 institution from taking action towards menstrual equity in advance
41 of the timeline established pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection
42 c. of this section.

43 e. As used in this act, "menstrual equity" means equal and
44 comprehensive access to menstrual hygiene products, which both
45 remove barriers to care and reduces stigma surrounding
46 menstruation.

- 1 f. Each task force shall expire 30 days after the submission of its
- 2 plan to its governing body.
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- 4 2. This act shall take effect immediately.