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H.B. No. 3172

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the availability of menstrual products and lactation rooms at public institutions of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 51.9185 and 51.9186 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9185. AVAILABILITY OF MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(2) "Menstrual products" means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

(b) Each institution of higher education shall make menstrual products available free of charge in each public women's restroom and public all-gender restroom located on the institution's campus, including in on-campus residence halls.

Sec. 51.9186. AVAILABILITY OF LACTATION ROOMS. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Each institution of higher education shall make available free of charge at convenient locations on the institution's campus a sufficient number of lactation rooms for a student or employee of the institution to:

(1) express breast milk;

1 (2) breast-feed an infant child; and

2 (3) address other needs related to breast-feeding.

3 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
4 academic year.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.