HOUSE BILL 134

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN SCHOOL BATHROOMS;
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public School Code is
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS.--

A. Menstrual products shall be provided at no
charge to students in:

(1) each women's bathroom and gender-neutral
bathroom and at least one men's bathroom in every public middle
school, junior high school, secondary school and high school;
and

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(2) at least one women's bathroom, one men's
bathroom and one gender-neutral bathroom in every public
elementary school.

B. For the purpose of this section, "menstrual
product" means a sanitary pad or tampon.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Three million dollars
($3,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
public education department for expenditure in fiscal year 2024
for the purchase and installation of menstrual product
dispensers and the purchase and distribution of menstrual
products to public schools statewide. Any unexpended or
unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2024
shall revert to the general fund.

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