

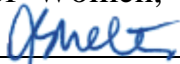
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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that period poverty is a systemic global problem that impacts millions of women
4 around the world. The lack of access of menstruating individuals to basic feminine
5 hygiene products, such as tampons and sanitary napkins, during their monthly
6 menstrual cycle, hampers the individual’s ability to participate in basic activities,
7 including, regular attendance in school and participation in sports. According to a
8 survey done by the Bureau of Women’s Affairs in May 2019, thirty-three (33)

1 responses indicates that women used their baby diapers as substitutes for traditional
2 period products. In addition, the survey also found that out of the two hundred
3 eighty-eight (288) participants, one hundred and one (101) responded that they miss
4 school due to lack of access to period products. *I Liheslatura* further finds that
5 several states including New York and California, require public school facilities
6 that serve female students in the six through twelve grades to regularly provide and
7 stock feminine hygiene products in the female restroom facilities. The products are
8 readily available to the menstruating students without any fees or charges.

9 It is, therefore, the intent of the *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to address period
10 poverty in Guam, and to require Guam Public Schools, that serve students in the five
11 through twelve grades, to provide and regularly stock menstrual hygiene products in
12 the school nurse’s office. It is further the intent of the *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that
13 the products should be readily available to the menstruating students without any
14 fees or charges to the students.

15 **Section 2. Menstrual Hygiene Products in Guam Public Schools.** A new
16 § 7117 is hereby added to Chapter 7 of Title 17, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

17 **“§ 7117. Menstrual Hygiene Products in Guam Public Schools.**

18 All public schools in Guam that serve students in grades five (5)
19 through grade twelve (12) shall provide menstrual hygiene products, such as
20 tampons and sanitary pads, in the nursing or counselor’s offices of such school
21 buildings. Such products shall be provided to students at no charge to
22 students.”

23 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon enactment.

24 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
25 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall*
26 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without

1 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
2 severable.