An act to add Section 81679 to the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 2003, as introduced, Cristina Garcia. Community college: restrooms: feminine hygiene products.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts throughout the state, and requires the governing board of every community college district to manage and control school property within its district.

This bill would require a community college to stock 50% of the school’s restrooms with feminine hygiene products, as defined. The bill would prohibit a community college from charging for any menstrual products, including feminine hygiene products, provided to students. Because this bill would impose new duties on community college districts, it would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,
reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.


The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 81679 is added to the Education Code, to read:

81679. (a) A community college shall stock at least 50 percent of the school’s restrooms with feminine hygiene products at all times.

(b) A community college shall not charge for any menstrual products provided to students, including, but not necessarily limited to, feminine hygiene products.

(c) For purposes of this section, “feminine hygiene products” means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.