

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 556

Short Title: End Menstrual Poverty Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Murdock, Mayfield, and Marcus (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 5, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN NORTH
CAROLINA DIAPER BANKS AND TO INCREASE FUNDS FOR THE FEMININE
HYGIENE PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to be allocated to the Diaper Bank of North Carolina, a nonprofit organization that collects and distributes diapers and other personal hygiene products to assist those in need and to increase the accessibility of feminine hygiene products in local diaper banks throughout the State.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to fund the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program under G.S. 115C-377.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.



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