

331st Student Assembly,
Senate Bill 331-004

A Bill

To continue providing access to menstrual hygiene products on campus

The . Act Part IV

An Act of the 331st Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Class President Mia Tilman ('24) and Senator Ashlynn Parker ('26)

Co-Sponsored by Senator Matthew Swenson ('26), Class President Zoe Wang ('26), Senator Daniel A. Bess ('24), Senator Sophia Tammera ('24), Senator Soleil Garnett ('24)

Supported by Student Assembly President Sydney Thayer

WHEREAS, the cost of menstrual products at on-campus locations is significantly higher than the average market price;

WHEREAS, a significant amount of students do not have the means to regularly purchase lower-priced menstrual products at off-campus locations, many of which are more than a walking distance from campus;

WHEREAS, menstrual products are not luxury goods, but rather necessities for daily life;

WHEREAS, the potentially unpredictable nature of a reproductive cycle can result in students facing emergency situations in which they find themselves in need of menstrual products but lack the ability to acquire them quickly and/or within their budget;

WHEREAS, student health is an integral aspect of a student's overall wellness at William & Mary;

WHEREAS, the goal of the Student Assembly is to promote public health and wellness in the campus community;

WHEREAS, there are already menstrual product dispensers in three locations (2 in the gender-neutral Aromas Swem Cafe, 3 in the women's restrooms on each floor of Sadler, and 2 in the gender-neutral restroom and women's restroom in the Wellness Center) on campus from previous versions of this project but there lacks funding for menstrual products to fill these dispensers;

WHEREAS, Facilities Management has expanded the distribution of menstrual products from the original locations to women's restrooms on all floors of Sadler and to the gender-neutral bathroom in the Wellness Center;

WHEREAS, Facilities Management has communicated student requests to supply menstrual products in bathrooms in other buildings on campus, specifically the Integrated Science Center, the

School of Education, and Allan B. Miller Hall. As such, Facilities Management has agreed to oversee the installation of additional menstrual product dispensers in these locations;

WHEREAS, the installation will first focus on locations in each building with the highest foot traffic as well as gender-neutral bathrooms;

WHEREAS, some bathrooms don't have the appropriate space or interior to support the installation of menstrual product dispensers and will instead have baskets on the sinks or any other container identified to be appropriate by Facilities Management;

WHEREAS, due to the increase of enrollment foot traffic in Sadler has dramatically grown causing the supply of menstrual products to be depleted quicker.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates up to \$7,000 from the Student Assembly Reserves:
 - a. \$2000 for the purchase of menstrual products to replenish currently installed dispensers;
 - b. \$5000 for the purchase and installation of Menstrual Product Dispensers and/or baskets;
2. Charges the Student Assembly to work in tandem with Facilities Management and oversee this program in order to determine its sustainability for the long-term provision of menstrual products on campus;
3. Charges the sponsors of this bill to research more ecologically friendly menstrual products to supply;
4. Stipulates that all unused funds will return to the Student Assembly Reserves.