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To amend subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide States with the option of using grant funds to supply menstrual hygiene products to students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. BASS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Ms. LEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RICHMOND, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SIRES, Mr. SOTO, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. VELA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. MOORE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Giving Increased Re-
5 sources to Learning Students Act” or the “GIRLS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPTION FOR STATES TO PROVIDE MENSTRUAL HY-**
7 **GIENE PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4108(5)(C) of the Ele-
9 mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
10 7118(5)(C)) is amended—

11 (1) in clause (vi), by striking “or” after the
12 semicolon;

13 (2) in clause (vii), by inserting “or” after the
14 semicolon; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(viii) provide free menstrual hygiene
17 products to students who use menstrual
18 hygiene products;”.

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 4102 of the Elementary
20 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7112)
21 is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) through
23 (8) as paragraphs (7) through (9), respectively; and

24 (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(6) MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘menstrual
3 hygiene products’ means tampons, pads, liners,
4 cups, and similar products used with respect to
5 menstruation by individuals.

6 “(B) RULEMAKING.—By not later than 1
7 year after the date of enactment of the Giving
8 Increased Resources to Learning Students Act,
9 the Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-
10 retary of Health and Human Services, shall
11 promulgate rules with respect to this para-
12 graph.”.

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