



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 411

HOUSE BILL NO. 129

By Representatives Love, Staples, Jernigan, Hardaway, Clemmons, Lamar, Dixie,
Stewart, Camper, Towns, Helton, Hodges, Shaw

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 75

By Senators Robinson, Akbari, Gilmore, Yarbrow

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, relative to prisoners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 21, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Custodian" means the warden of a state correctional facility;

(2) "Healthcare products" includes:

(A) Feminine hygiene products;

(B) Moisturizing soap that is not lye-based;

(C) Toothbrushes;

(D) Toothpaste; and

(E) Any other healthcare product a custodian deems appropriate;

and

(3) "State correctional facility" means a state facility or state institution that houses an inmate population under the jurisdiction of the department.


(b) A custodian shall make healthcare products available to all women incarcerated in a state correctional facility at no cost and in a quantity that is appropriate to the needs of the woman without a medical permit. Custodians shall not require that a woman be diagnosed with an illness to access healthcare products. Custodians shall make healthcare products available in housing units and in the medical area of a state correctional facility.

(c) This section does not establish a minimum standard or otherwise create a private right of action concerning the products supplied to a person incarcerated in a state correctional facility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 29, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR