


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO, WARD 2
MEMORANDUM
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

TO: Chairman Phil Mendelson
FROM: Councilmember Brooke Pinto 
RE: Request to Agendize Emergency and Temporary Measures for the December 21, 2021, Additional Legislative Meeting
DATE: December 16, 2021

I request the following measures be agendized for the December 21, 2021, Additional Legislative meeting, should one be scheduled:

- “Expanding Student Access to Period Products Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”
- “Expanding Student Access to Period Products Emergency Act of 2021”
- “Expanding Student Access to Period Products Temporary Act of 2021”

The purpose of this emergency and temporary legislation is to require District of Columbia local education agencies, private schools, the University of the District of Columbia, private universities and colleges, and vocational schools to install and maintain dispensers or similar receptacles of free-for-use period products in women’s and gender-neutral bathrooms and to require the Office of the State Superintendent of Education to develop and implement health education standards on menstrual education designed for all students in District of Columbia Public Schools and District of Columbia Charter Schools, beginning in grade 4 and regardless of gender

In anticipation of the bill’s passage, the Council fully funded the “Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2021” in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. This emergency legislation is necessary to ensure students have the period products they need so that no further learning loss occurs due to a lack of these critical products, in addition to the significant learning loss already caused by remote learning during the coronavirus pandemic.

Drafts of the measures are attached. If you have any questions regarding these measures, please contact Ella Hanson, Legislative and Community Coordinator, at ehanson@dccouncil.us.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director
Mayor’s Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs