150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 285**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Longhurst**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act requires that by the 2020-2021 school year, all public and charter schools must provide free feminine hygiene products in 50% of the bathrooms used by students in grades 6-12 who can have a menstrual cycle.

3. Per the Delaware Department of Education's September 30, 2019, enrollment count, there are 37,385 students in grades 6-12 in public and charter schools who can have a menstrual cycle.

4. Per building design requirements, one toilet fixture is required per 50 students (37,385 students / 50 = 748 fixtures). Using an average of three fixtures per bathroom (748 fixtures / 3 fixtures = 250 bathrooms) and applying a requirement of 50%, there are a minimum of 125 bathrooms that will need to provide free feminine hygiene products.

5. The average cost of a feminine hygiene product dispenser is $239. The total one-time cost of these dispensers is assumed at $29,875 (125 dispensers x $239).

6. Each feminine hygiene product dispenser holds a minimum of 15 sanitary napkins and 22 tampons. Therefore, a minimum of 1,875 sanitary napkins and 2,750 tampons will be required to fill all 125 dispensers.

7. It is assumed these dispensers must be 100% refilled daily during the school year (188 days), which will require a minimum of 352,500 sanitary napkins and 517,000 tampons annually.
    a. A minimum of 1,224 cases of sanitary napkins (288 per case) and 1,034 cases of tampons (500 per case) will be required annually.

8. The total annual cost of sanitary napkins is $23,255 (at $19 per case) and the total annual cost of tampons is estimated at $53,768 (at $52 per case).

9. The estimated costs associated with the requirements of this Act are assumed to be borne by the applicable school district or charter school's existing budget.

Cost:

	On-Going Costs (Local Funds)	**One-Time Costs (Local Funds)**
Fiscal Year 2021:	$77,023	$29,875
Fiscal Year 2022:	$77,023	
Fiscal Year 2023:	$77,023	

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