

151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SPONSOR: **SENATE BILL NO. 205**

Senator Gay

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. Upon signature, this Act becomes effective for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 2. This Act expands the availability of free feminine hygiene products at all public and charter schools by requiring all public and charter schools to provide free feminine hygiene products in 50% of the bathrooms used by students who can have a menstrual cycle, by adding in grades 4-5. Currently, the requirement only applies to grades 6-12.
- 3. Per the Delaware Department of Education's September 30, 2021 enrollment count, there are 10,289 students in grades 4-5 in public and charter schools who can have a menstrual cycle.
- 4. Per the Delaware Department of Education's September 30, 2021 enrollment count report, students in grades 4-5 are served in approximately 122 schools statewide. For purposes of this analysis, it is assumed that a minimum of one bathroom per school will need to be outfitted with a feminine hygiene product dispenser upon implementation.
- 5. The average cost of a feminine hygiene product dispenser (holding both tampons and sanitary napkins) is \$239, generating a total one-time cost of \$29,158.
- 6. It is assumed these dispensers must be 100% refilled daily during the school year (188 days), which will require a minimum of 344,040 sanitary napkins and 504,592 tampons annually. Using the average case pricing of tampons and sanitary napkins, annual ongoing costs are estimated at \$75,175.
- 7. 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 supplies budget (local funds).

Cost:

	On-Going Costs	One-Time Costs
	(Local Funds)	(Local Funds)
Fiscal Year 2023:	\$75,175	\$29,158
Fiscal Year 2024:	\$75,175	
Fiscal Year 2025:	\$75,175	

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