

HB24-1164: Free Menstrual Products to Students

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Overview

The Act requires that middle and high schools offer period products, for free, in their bathrooms by June 30, 2028. In addition the law makes modifications to the Menstrual Hygiene Grant Program to expand support to rural and underserved districts.

Exceptions include schools that do not have a gender-neutral bathroom, K-6 schools, or if the school is experiencing vandalism or destruction of property related to providing free menstrual products. For informational purposes, costs are estimated at between \$0.20 to \$5 per student per year.

The act expands eligibility for the Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program to make rural school districts, small rural school districts, charter schools, or schools serving more than 50% qualifying for free or reduced lunch eligible for a grant award. This act makes a one time additional payment of \$100,00 to the grant program. Since the grant program's inception, grants have ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000 per participating school district per year, with 35 entities receiving funding in FY 2023-24.

School Impact

Under the new law, eligible middle and high schools are required to phase in menstrual products in a portion of their bathrooms, beginning with 25 percent of applicable bathrooms by June 30, 2025 and 100 percent of applicable bathrooms by 2028.

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