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**SENATE BILL 21-255**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING PROVIDING MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS AT NO**  
102                    **EXPENSE TO STUDENTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
103                    **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates in the department of education the menstrual hygiene products accessibility grant program to provide awards to eligible local education providers in order to provide menstrual hygiene products at no expense to students.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
June 2, 2021

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
May 24, 2021

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
May 21, 2021

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 22-2-146** as  
3 follows:

4 **22-2-146. Menstrual hygiene products accessibility grant**  
5 **program - eligibility - rules - report - definitions.** (1) THERE IS  
6 CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS  
7 ACCESSIBILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MENSTRUAL  
8 HYGIENE PRODUCTS AT NO EXPENSE TO STUDENTS. A GRANT RECIPIENT  
9 SHALL ENSURE THAT MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO  
10 A STUDENT REGARDLESS OF THE STUDENT'S GENDER IDENTITY.

11 (2) A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL USE THE AWARD TO ACQUIRE AND  
12 DISTRIBUTE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS AT NO EXPENSE TO STUDENTS  
13 OR INSTALL AND MAINTAIN A DISPENSING MACHINE OR DISPOSAL  
14 RECEPTACLE FOR MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS.

15 (3) AN ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT IS:

16 (a) A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER IF IT HAS FIFTY PERCENT OR  
17 MORE STUDENTS ENROLLED WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR  
18 REDUCED-COST LUNCH PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL "RICHARD B. RUSSELL  
19 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 1751 ET SEQ.;

20 (b) THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND,  
21 CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102 (1)(a); OR

22 (c) AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
23 22-2-402 (1).

24 (4) TO RECEIVE A GRANT, AN ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT MUST  
25 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A DATE SPECIFIED BY  
26 THE DEPARTMENT. THE ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT MUST INCLUDE DATA

1       INITITS APPLICATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED AT  
2       THE ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT AND THE NUMBER OF RESTROOMS,  
3       INCLUDING GENDER-NEUTRAL RESTROOMS, ON THE PROPERTY OF THE  
4       ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT.

5               (5) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT  
6       SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM, AND SHALL  
7       AWARD A GRANT TO AN ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT THAT APPLIES IN AN  
8       AMOUNT THAT IS PROPORTIONATE TO THE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS AND  
9       RESTROOMS AS PROVIDED IN ITS APPLICATION. THE STATE BOARD MAY  
10      PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM.

11              (6) (a) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE  
12      OCTOBER 1, 2023, EACH GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO  
13      THE DEPARTMENT. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION  
14      CONCERNING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT ON THE ACQUISITION AND  
15      DISTRIBUTION OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS AND THE AMOUNT OF  
16      MONEY SPENT ON THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DISPENSING  
17      MACHINE OR DISPOSAL RECEPTACLE FOR MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS.

18              (b) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2023, AND ON OR BEFORE JANUARY  
19      2, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A SUMMARIZED REPORT OF THE  
20      INFORMATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6)(a) OF THIS  
21      SECTION TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF  
22      REPRESENTATIVES, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

23              (7) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS,  
24      GRANTS, OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE  
25      PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

26              (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE  
27      REQUIRES:

1 (a) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE  
2 PRODUCTS ACCESSIBILITY GRANT PROGRAM CREATED AND EXISTING  
3 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

4 (b) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A  
5 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART  
6 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY  
7 THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE  
8 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22, OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED  
9 AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE 22 THAT  
10 OPERATES ONE OR MORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

11 (c) "MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS" MEANS TAMPONS,  
12 MENSTRUAL PADS, AND PANTILINERS.

13 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2021-22 state fiscal year,  
14 \$100,000 is appropriated to the department of education. This  
15 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the  
16 department may use this appropriation for the menstrual hygiene product  
17 accessibility grant program.

18 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
21 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
22 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
23 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
24 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
25 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.