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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.**

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.

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
27 IN ITS APPLICATION CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED AT

1 THE ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT AND THE NUMBER OF RESTROOMS,
2 INCLUDING GENDER-NEUTRAL RESTROOMS, ON THE PROPERTY OF THE
3 ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENT.

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

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

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

22 (7) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
23 REQUIRES:

24 (a) "GRANT PROGRAM" MEANS THE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE
25 PRODUCTS ACCESSIBILITY GRANT PROGRAM CREATED AND EXISTING
26 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

27 (b) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A

1 CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART
2 1 OF ARTICLE 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22, A CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY
3 THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE
4 30.5 OF THIS TITLE 22, OR A BOARD OF COOPERATIVE SERVICES CREATED
5 AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE 22 THAT
6 OPERATES ONE OR MORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

7 (c) "MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS" MEANS TAMPONS,
8 MENSTRUAL PADS, AND PANTILINERS.

9 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
10 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
11 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
12 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
13 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
14 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
15 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
16 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.