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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: **FREE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS**

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

- State Revenue
- State Expenditure
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- School District

The bill creates the Menstrual Hygiene Product Accessibility Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Education. The bill increases state expenditures and revenue and workload for some school districts on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary:

In FY 2021-22, the bill requires an appropriation of \$100,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

Fiscal Note Status:

This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under SB21-255

		Budget Year FY 2021-22	Out Year FY 2022-23
Revenue		-	-
Expenditures	General Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000
Transfers		-	-
TABOR Refund		-	-

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program in the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) to provide menstrual hygiene products at no cost to students. To be eligible, at least 50 percent of a local education provider's students must be eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

CDE must implement the grant program and award grants in an amount that is proportionate to the number of students and restrooms. By October 1, 2022, and October 1, 2023, each local education provider must report to CDE on how the money is spent; and by January 2, 2023 and January 2, 2024, CDE must submit a summary report to the education committees of the General Assembly.

State Expenditures

The bill is estimated to increase state expenditures by \$100,000 per year beginning in FY 2021-22, to be awarded as grants to local education providers. The actual funding amount for the program is at the discretion of the General Assembly. The bill will also increase workload for CDE to implement the grant program. Because the funding will be allocated proportionally to any local education provider that applies, CDE does not require new staffing to implement the program and fulfill reporting requirements and will accomplish the work within current resources.

School District

The bill increases revenue and workload for any school district that applies for and receives a grant.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

In FY 2021-22, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$100,000 to the Colorado Department of Education.

State and Local Government Contacts

Education