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Subject: Free menstrual products in student restrooms	

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 Requires public schools to provide free menstrual products in easily accessible locations

Proposed legislation requires each public school governing authority, including charter schools, to make menstrual products available in easily accessible locations at no cost to students in each school year for which the legislature appropriates funds for such purpose.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be increased state costs to provide funding to local school districts and charter schools for the provision of menstrual products at no cost to students; however, these costs are indeterminable. While some school districts may keep menstrual products available in an office, it is unknown how many schools currently provide dispensers in easily accessible areas.

Costs will be greatest in the first year due to the purchase and installation of dispensers to be mounted in easily accessible areas. A dispenser that dispenses both tampons and sanitary napkins can be purchased for between \$300 to \$500. A 500-count case of tampons packaged for dispensers can be purchased for approximately \$90, and a 250-count case of sanitary napkins can be purchased for approximately \$50. However, prices will vary by brand and supplier. Wholesale purchase prices may be lower.

For illustrative purposes, if one dispenser with a capacity of 23 tampons and 14 sanitary napkins filled once daily for 180 school days requires approximately 4,100 tampons and 2,500 sanitary napkins, this would cost approximately \$1,238 per dispenser per year. The number of dispensers needed will vary by school. Menstruation begins, on average, by age 12, when students are typically in the sixth grade. Approximately 850 public schools in Louisiana serve students in sixth grade or higher. Providing 850 schools with one dispenser each would cost between \$255,000 and \$425,000 for the first year. Filling each of these dispensers once per day would cost \$1.05 M per year. However, the actual cost will vary depending upon the number of schools providing the products, the number of products utilized at each school, and the price at which the products are purchased.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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