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This bill requires that women's restroom facilities in buildings owned, leased, or occupied by the state have available tampons and sanitary napkins at no charge. The bill also requires each school district, operator of an independent charter school, and governing body of a private school participating in a parental choice program to make available tampons and sanitary napkins at no charge in women's restroom facilities in buildings owned, leased, or occupied by the school board, operator, or governing body. This fiscal estimate pertains to the requirement imposed by the bill on school boards, charter schools and private parental choice schools.

In order to provide free feminine hygiene products, schools would have to purchase the products and may also need to install dispensers in all women's school bathrooms. While many schools may already have dispensers within existing facilities (at least for high schools and or junior high school buildings), it is likely that the dispensers require the user to pay for the product. Presumably, schools with existing pay-for-product dispensers would have to disable the payment mechanism on the dispenser, thereby eliminating any revenue to offset the cost of procuring the products.

Local: Indeterminate

It is estimated that the individual cost of feminine hygiene products such as tampons are about \$70 a year when purchased by an individual for just that individual's use. However, schools would very likely obtain the necessary inventory at a much lower rate by purchasing feminine hygiene products in bulk, similar to other bathroom products such as toilet paper and paper towels. It is unknown how many students would use the free products or average use per student. In addition, schools may incur some costs to install dispensers.

Since costs may vary from school to school the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

State: None

Long-Range Fiscal Implications