



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act to Make Menstrual Products Available in Certain Schools

### Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

#### State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$564,059	\$272,999	\$272,999	\$272,999
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$564,059	\$272,999	\$272,999	\$272,999

#### State Mandates

Required Activity	Unit Affected	Local Cost
Requires all schools that serve students in grades 6 to 12 to make menstrual products available to students at no cost in all school bathrooms.	School	\$626,732 = 100%

The required local activities in this bill may represent a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. If the bill does require a local unit of government to expand or modify its activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenue, the state mandate provisions of the Constitution of Maine require either: (1) General Fund appropriations be provided to fund at least 90% of any additional necessitated local costs of the mandate; or (2) a Mandate Preamble be added to the bill and two-thirds of the members of each House vote to exempt the mandate from the funding requirement. If the bill does represent a state mandate and neither one of these actions occurs, the local units of government will not be required to implement the mandated activities.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$564,059 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$272,999 in fiscal year 2024-25 to a newly created Menstrual Products Reimbursement program within the Department of Education to reimburse school administrative units that serve students in grades 6 to 12 for 90% of the cost of making menstrual products available to students at no cost in all school bathrooms. Of that amount, \$291,060 is one-time funding in fiscal year 2023-24 for the cost of purchasing and installing coinless dispensers in bathrooms and \$272,999 is ongoing funding beginning in fiscal year 2023-24 for the cost of menstrual products.

According to the most recent data provided by the Department of Education, there are approximately 94,879 students in grades 6 through 12 and approximately 44.44% are female. This estimate assumes an average price of 0.22 cents per menstrual product and that female students will use an average of 3 menstrual products per month during the approximately 10 months of a school year. This estimate also assumes the cost for a coinless dispenser is \$308 and that half of the estimated 300 school buildings that serve students in grades 6 through 12 will have dispensers installed while the other half will provide an alternative container to hold the menstrual products. It is assumed that there are 7 bathrooms per school building for a total of 2,100 bathrooms that will need to be supplied with menstrual products.