



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 851

PRINTER'S NO. 3070

PRIME SPONSOR: Parker

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2023/24 | FY 2024/25 |
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| General Fund | \$0 | \$3,000,000 |

SUMMARY:

House Bill 851 establishes the Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program within the Public School Code.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 851 amends Article XIV – School Health Services – of the Public School Code by adding Section 1426 – Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program.

The Department of Education (PDE) shall make a grant application available for eligible public school entities to apply for funds to make menstrual hygiene products, including tampons, sanitary napkins or pads, pantyliners and similar menstrual hygiene products, available for free to students.

A public school entity is defined as a school district, charter school, regional charter school, intermediate unit, or area career and technical school. To be eligible to receive a grant, a public school entity must have at least 25% of its students eligible for free or reduced cost lunch. Grant awards are at the discretion of PDE, and the award amount for eligible public school entities must be proportionate to the entity’s number of students and restrooms.

Public school entities that receive a grant are responsible for reporting to PDE a breakdown of the amount of grant money spent on the acquisition and distribution of menstrual hygiene products and the installation and maintenance of a dispensing machine or disposal receptacle for menstrual hygiene products. PDE shall create a summary report of the information reported.

House Bill 851 would take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 851 appropriates \$3 million from the General Fund to the Department of Education for the Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program. PDE staff indicated that the cost to administer this program would be minimal.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.