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**HOUSE BILL 24-1164** 

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

101	CONCERNING MEASURES TO PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS AT NO
102	EXPENSE TO STUDENTS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,
103	MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

## **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <a href="http://leg.colorado.gov">http://leg.colorado.gov</a>.)

Beginning July 1, 2025, local education providers are required to provide free menstrual products in at least half of applicable school buildings in bathrooms that are accessible to students enrolled in sixth through twelfth grade who menstruate, except for a small rural school district and a local education provider with only one applicable school

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THAT:

Beginning July 1, 2026, all local education providers, facility schools, and the Colorado school for the deaf and the blind are required to provide free menstrual products to students in applicable school buildings in bathrooms that are accessible to students enrolled in sixth through twelfth grade who menstruate.

The bill expands eligibility for the menstrual hygiene products accessibility grant program (grant program) to make any local education provider eligible for a grant award and requires the department of education (department) to prioritize awards to certain applicants if the demand exceeds the amount appropriated for the grant program.

For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the bill requires the general assembly to appropriate \$400,000 to the grant program. The bill allows the department to retain up to 5% of any appropriation on actual administrative costs for the grant program and allows grant awards to be used to acquire a dispensing machine or disposal receptacle for menstrual hygiene products.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 22-1-144 as follows:

22-1-144. Menstrual products accessibility - rules - legislative declaration - definitions - repeal. (1) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS

7 (I) MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS ARE A BASIC HEALTH NEED;

(II) THE LACK OF ACCESS TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTS STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. ACCORDING TO RECENT RESEARCH, ONE IN FOUR STUDENTS WHO MENSTRUATE IN THE UNITED STATES CANNOT AFFORD MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS.

(III) A STUDENT'S INABILITY TO ACCESS MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS MAY LEAD TO HEALTH ISSUES, INCREASE ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL, AND NEGATIVELY IMPACT A STUDENT'S ABILITY TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDENT'S EDUCATION; AND

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1	(IV) PROVIDING FREE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS IN
2	SCHOOLS INCREASES ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND
3	SUPPORTS STUDENT WELL-BEING AND SUCCESS.
4	(b) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES IT NECESSARY
5	TO ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS WHO MENSTRUATE HAVE ACCESS TO
6	MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, DIGNITY, AND
7	EDUCATION EQUALITY OF ALL STUDENTS.
8	(2) (a) (I) On or before June 30, 2025, a local education
9	PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS AT NO EXPENSE TO
10	STUDENTS IN AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF APPLICABLE STUDENT
11	BATHROOMS IN ALL APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.
12	(II) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2026, A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER
13	SHALL PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS AT NO EXPENSE TO STUDENTS IN
14	AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF APPLICABLE STUDENT BATHROOMS IN ALL
15	APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.
16	(III) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2027, A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER
17	SHALL PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS AT NO EXPENSE TO STUDENTS IN
18	AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF APPLICABLE STUDENT BATHROOMS
19	IN ALL APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.
20	(IV) On or before June 30, 2028, a local education
21	PROVIDER; THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND,
22	CREATED AND EXISTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 22-80-102 (1)(a); AND AN
23	APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 22-2-402, SHALL
24	PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS AT NO EXPENSE TO STUDENTS IN ALL
25	APPLICABLE STUDENT BATHROOMS IN ALL APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDINGS.
26	(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO
27	THE CONTRARY, A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT IS A SMALL RURAL

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1	SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCLUDING A CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE SMALL RURAL
2	SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN
3	THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF A SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS
4	NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (2)(a)(I), (2)(a)(II), OR
5	(2)(a)(III) OF THIS SECTION.
6	(3) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF AN
7	APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDING DOES NOT HAVE A GENDER-NEUTRAL
8	BATHROOM, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, THE COLORADO SCHOOL
9	FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, OR THE APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL SHALL
10	PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN FEMALE-DESIGNATED BATHROOMS
11	AND IN A HEALTH OFFICE LOCATED IN THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDING
12	THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS WHO MENSTRUATE; EXCEPT THAT, IF
13	THERE IS NOT A HEALTH OFFICE, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, THE
14	COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, OR THE APPROVED
15	FACILITY SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE THE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN AN
16	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED IN THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDING
17	ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS WHO MENSTRUATE.
18	(4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE
19	CONTRARY, IF AN APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDING IS USED BY THE LOCAL
20	EDUCATION PROVIDER, THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE
21	BLIND, OR THE APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL
22	SERVICES ONLY TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN
23	THROUGH GRADE SIX, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE
24	MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS BUT MAY PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN A
25	HEALTH OFFICE LOCATED IN THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDING THAT IS
26	ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS WHO MENSTRUATE; EXCEPT THAT, IF THERE IS
27	NOT A HEALTH OFFICE, THE LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER SHALL PROVIDE

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1	THE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATED IN
2	THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDING ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS WHO
3	MENSTRUATE.
4	(5) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION, IF A
5	LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND
6	THE BLIND, OR AN APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL IS EXPERIENCING
7	VANDALISM OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF COMPLYING
8	WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE LOCAL EDUCATION
9	PROVIDER, THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, OR THE
10	APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL MAY REMOVE THE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS
11	FROM THE APPLICABLE STUDENT BATHROOM. IF A LOCAL EDUCATION
12	PROVIDER, THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, OR AN
13	APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL REMOVES MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS FROM AN
14	APPLICABLE STUDENT BATHROOM PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4), THE
15	LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER, THE COLORADO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND
16	THE BLIND, OR THE APPROVED FACILITY SCHOOL SHALL POST INFORMATION
17	IN THE APPLICABLE STUDENT BATHROOM REGARDING WHERE MENSTRUAL
18	PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDING.
19	(6) (a) A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER THAT IS REQUIRED TO
20	COMPLY WITH SUBSECTIONS $(2)(a)(I)$ , $(2)(a)(II)$ , AND $(2)(a)(III)$ OF THIS
21	SECTION SHALL POST INFORMATION IN APPLICABLE SCHOOL BATHROOMS
22	WHERE THERE ARE NOT YET MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS REGARDING WHERE
23	MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE APPLICABLE SCHOOL
24	BUILDING.
25	(b) This subsection (6) is repealed, effective July 1, 2030.
26	(7) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
27	REQUIRES:

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1	(a) "APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDING" MEANS A BUILDING THAT IS
2	USED BY A LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL
3	SERVICES TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN ANY OF GRADES SIX
4	THROUGH TWELVE.
5	(b) "APPLICABLE STUDENT BATHROOM" MEANS A
6	FEMALE-DESIGNATED BATHROOM OR A GENDER-NEUTRAL BATHROOM IN
7	AN APPLICABLE SCHOOL BUILDING THAT IS ACCESSIBLE TO STUDENTS WHO
8	ARE ENROLLED IN ANY OF GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE WHO
9	MENSTRUATE.
10	(c) "LOCAL EDUCATION PROVIDER" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT, A
11	CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO PART
12	1 of article 30.5 of this title 22, a charter school authorized by
13	THE STATE CHARTER SCHOOL INSTITUTE PURSUANT TO PART 5 OF ARTICLE
14	30.5 of this title 22, or a board of cooperative services created
15	AND OPERATING PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5 OF THIS TITLE 22 THAT
16	OPERATES ONE OR MORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
17	(d) "MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS" MEANS, AT A MINIMUM, TAMPONS
18	AND MENSTRUAL PADS.
19	(e) "SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT
20	THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON
21	THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
22	SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT
23	ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS IN
24	KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE.
25	SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-2-147, amend (2),
26	(3)(b), (3)(c), and (6); and add (3)(d), (5.3), (5.7), (8)(d), and (8)(e) as
27	follows:

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1	22-2-147. Menstrual hygiene products accessibility grant
2	program - eligibility - report - rules - definitions. (2) A grant recipient
3	shall use the award to acquire and distribute menstrual hygiene products
4	at no expense to students or ACQUIRE, install, and maintain a dispensing
5	machine or disposal receptacle for menstrual hygiene products.
6	(3) An eligible grant recipient is:
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8	(b) The Colorado school for the deaf and the blind, created and
9	existing pursuant to section 22-80-102 (1)(a); or
10	(c) An approved facility school, as defined in section 22-2-402
11	(1); OR
12	(d) A RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, A SMALL RURAL DISTRICT, A
13	CHARTER SCHOOL OF A RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A SMALL RURAL
14	DISTRICT, OR AN INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN THE
15	GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF A RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SMALL RURAL
16	SCHOOL DISTRICT.
17	(5.3) For the 2024-25 state fiscal year, the general
18	ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT TWO HUNDRED
19	THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS
20	SECTION.
21	(5.7) THE DEPARTMENT MAY RETAIN NO MORE THAN TEN PERCENT
22	OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION $(5.3)$ OF
23	THIS SECTION FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM TO OFFSET THE ACTUAL
24	ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED IN ADMINISTERING THE GRANT
25	PROGRAM.
26	(6) (a) On or before October 1, 2022, and on or before October 1
27	2023 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, each grant recipient shall submit a report

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1	to the department. The report must include information concerning the
2	amount of money spent on the acquisition and distribution of menstrual
3	hygiene products and the amount of money spent on the ACQUISITION,
4	installation, and maintenance of a dispensing machine or disposal
5	receptacle for menstrual hygiene products.
6	(b) On or before January 2, 2023, and on or before January 2 2024
7	EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, the department shall submit a summarized
8	report of the information received pursuant to subsection (6)(a) of this
9	section to the education committees of the senate and house of
10	representatives, or any successor committees.
11	(c) Notwithstanding the requirement in Section 24-1-136
12	(11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS
13	SUBSECTION (6) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.
14	(8) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
15	(d) "RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT
16	THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON THE
17	GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
18	SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA.
19	(e) "SMALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" MEANS A SCHOOL DISTRICT
20	THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DETERMINES IS RURAL, BASED ON
21	THE GEOGRAPHIC SIZE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE DISTANCE OF THE
22	SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE NEAREST LARGE, URBANIZED AREA, AND THAT
23	ENROLLS FEWER THAN ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS IN
24	KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE.
25	<b>SECTION 3.</b> Appropriation. For the 2024-25 state fiscal year,
26	\$100,000 is appropriated to the department of education for use by
27	student pathways. This appropriation is from the general fund and is

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1 based on an assumption that the division will require an additional 0.2 2 FTE. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for the menstrual hygiene product accessibility grant program. 3 **SECTION 4.** Act subject to petition - effective date. This act 4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the 5 6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except 7 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V 8 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this 9 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in 10 11 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the 12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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