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# Fiscal Note

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**Bill Topic:** FREE HYGIENE PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Districts

The bill expands the allowable uses of grant funding from the Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program to include any personal hygiene product. The bill minimally increases state and school district workload.

**Appropriation Summary:** No appropriation is required.

**Fiscal Note Status:** The fiscal note reflects the bill draft requested by the Colorado Youth Advisory Commission.

## Summary of Legislation

Under current law, the Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program distributes grants to provide free menstrual hygiene products to students. The bill expands the program to allow grants to be used to provide any hygiene product, including personal hygiene, menstrual hygiene, dental, hair, or laundry products, as determined by the grant recipient. It also allows recipients to use up to 30 percent of the grant amount to maintain a hygiene products storage on school grounds, and continues annual program reporting requirements through 2026.

## Background

The Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program was created by Senate Bill 21-255 to provide grants to education providers to provide free menstrual hygiene products to all students. It is administered by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE). In FY 2022-23, \$100,000 was awarded to 32 schools or school districts, with grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

## State Expenditures

The bill minimally increases workload for CDE to update program materials. The fiscal note assumes that the bill allows grantees to use the funds for additional types of hygiene products, but does not require additional funding for the grant program or an additional round of grant distribution. Should the General Assembly choose to provide additional funding for the program, CDE will incur additional administrative costs.

## School District

The bill provides flexibility for education providers to use the grants for additional types of hygiene products. It is not expected to alter the amount of grant funding distributed to grant recipients.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## Contacts

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