


Government of the District of Columbia
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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Fitzroy Lee
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DATE: December 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2021

REFERENCE: Bill 24-158, Committee Print as passed by the Committee of the Whole on December 7, 2021

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The fiscal year 2022 budget includes \$1.64 million and \$4.58 million over the financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill requires all local education agencies (LEAs) and private schools operating in the District to install at least one period products¹ dispenser in every middle school and high school women's and gender-neutral bathroom. LEAs and private schools must also install a dispenser in one women's and gender-neutral bathroom in each elementary school. Every dispenser must be stocked with free period products to serve students' needs throughout the academic year and through summer programming.

The bill also requires the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), private universities and colleges, and vocational schools to install at least one period products dispenser in every women's and gender-neutral bathroom. The dispenser must be stocked with free period products to serve students' needs at all times throughout the calendar year.

¹ Period products means a tampon, a sanitary pad, or liner.

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The bill requires the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), in consultation with the Department of Health, to develop an 8.5" x 11" sign that includes medically accurate information on the safe use and disposal of menstrual products. The sign must be placed near each dispenser and made available for downloading in PDF format on the OSSE website. OSSE must also develop and implement health education standards on menstrual education designed for all students in DCPS and public charter schools beginning in grade four and regardless of gender. The health education standards must include information on the menstrual cycle, premenstrual syndrome and pain management, menstrual hygiene management, menstrual disorders, menstrual irregularities, menopause, and other relevant topics relating to the menstrual cycle.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The fiscal year 2022 budget includes \$1.64 million and \$4.58 million over the financial plan to implement the bill.

The approved fiscal year 2022 budget for DCPS added \$809,000 to implement the bill, of which \$384,000 will be used to purchase and install dispensers and \$425,000 will be used to purchase period products. Beginning in fiscal year 2023, the costs of the bill for DCPS include replacing damaged and malfunctioning dispensers and purchasing products. In total, the approved fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan included \$2.25 million for DCPS to implement the bill.

Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2021 DCPS Costs					
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total
Dispenser Purchase and Install ^(a)	\$384,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$384,000
Dispenser Replacement ^(b)	\$0	\$39,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$119,000
Materials Cost ^(c)	\$425,000	\$433,000	\$440,000	\$448,000	\$1,747,000
DCPS Total	\$809,000	\$472,000	\$480,000	\$489,000	\$2,250,000

Table Notes:

(a) Assumes one-time purchase of 656 dispensers at a cost of \$585 each.

(b) Assumes 10 percent of dispensers will need to be repaired or replaced beginning in fiscal year 2023.

(c) Assumes six dispenser refills per women's bathroom and three dispenser refills per gender-neutral bathroom each year at a cost of \$140 per refill.

(d) Assumes cost growth of 1.75 percent.

The fiscal year 2022 budget for public charter schools includes \$694,000 to implement the bill. The cost of the bill for charter schools includes \$267,000 to purchase and install dispensers and \$296,000 to purchase period products; the budget also includes additional funding that results from adjustments made to the uniform per student funding formula (UPSFF) in order cover DCPS costs. Beginning in fiscal year 2023, the bill's costs for public charter schools include the replacement of damaged and malfunctioning dispensers in addition to costs to purchase products. In total, the

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approved fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan included \$1.93 million in public charter school funding for the costs of implementing the bill.

Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2021 Public Charter School Costs					
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total
Dispenser Purchase and Install ^(a)	\$267,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$267,000
Dispenser Replacement ^(b)	\$0	\$27,000	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$83,000
Materials Cost ^(c)	\$296,000	\$301,000	\$307,000	\$312,000	\$1,216,000
UPSFF Add on	\$131,000	\$76,000	\$77,000	\$79,000	\$363,000
PCS Total	\$694,000	\$404,000	\$412,000	\$419,000	\$1,928,000

Table Notes:

- (a) Assumes one-time purchase of 456 dispensers at a cost of \$585 each.
- (b) Assumes 10 percent of dispensers will need to be repaired or replaced beginning in fiscal year 2023.
- (c) Assumes six dispenser refills per women's bathroom and three dispenser refills per gender-neutral bathroom each year at a cost of \$140 per refill.
- (d) Assumes cost growth of 1.75 percent.

The fiscal year 2022 budget for UDC includes \$137,000 to implement the bill, of which \$56,000 will be used to purchase and install dispensers and \$81,000 will be used to purchase period products. Beginning in fiscal year 2023, the costs of the bill include replacement of damaged and malfunctioning dispensers and continued costs to purchase products. In total, the approved fiscal year 2022 through fiscal year 2025 budget and financial plan included \$403,000 for UDC to implement the bill.

Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2021 UDC Costs					
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total
Dispenser Purchase and Install ^(a)	\$56,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$56,000
Dispenser Replacement ^(b)	\$0	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$17,000
Materials Cost ^(c)	\$81,000	\$82,000	\$83,000	\$84,000	\$330,000
UDC Total	\$137,000	\$88,000	\$89,000	\$90,000	\$403,000

Table Notes:

- (a) Assumes one-time purchase of 96 dispensers at a cost of \$585 each.
- (b) Assumes 10 percent of dispensers will need to be repaired or replaced beginning in fiscal year 2023.
- (c) Assumes six dispenser refills per women's bathroom and three dispenser refills per gender-neutral bathroom each year at a cost of \$140 per refill.
- (d) Assumes cost growth of 1.75 percent.

OSSE can develop signs and curriculum with current resources. No additional funding is necessary for the agency to implement the bill.

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Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2021 Total Cost					
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Total
DCPS	\$809,000	\$472,000	\$480,000	\$489,000	\$2,250,000
Public Charter Schools	\$694,000	\$404,000	\$412,000	\$419,000	\$1,928,000
UDC	\$137,000	\$88,000	\$89,000	\$90,000	\$403,000
Total	\$1,640,000	\$964,000	\$981,000	\$998,000	\$4,581,000