

Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**


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

**FROM:** Glen Lee  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** October 20, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement – Period Equity Righting an Injustice of District Residents (PERIOD) Act of 2022

**REFERENCE:** Bill 24-653, Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 11, 2022



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**Conclusion**

Funds are not sufficient in the fiscal year 2023 through fiscal year 2026 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. The bill will cost \$2.3 million in fiscal year 2023 and a total of \$7.1 million over the four-year financial plan.

**Background**

The bill requires the District government or entities leasing space in District-government-owned buildings to install a dispenser for period products in all women's and gender-neutral bathrooms, or if gender-neutral bathrooms are not available, at least one men's bathroom per building. Entities operating human care agreements with the District are also covered by the bill's mandate. Entities responsible for the maintenance of such restrooms must also stock the dispensers with sufficient products to serve all building visitors, and the products shall be free of charge.

**Financial Plan Impact**

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FIS: Bill 24-653, "Period Equity Righting an Injustice of District Residents (PERIOD) Act of 2022," Draft Committee Print as provided to the Office of Revenue Analysis on October 11, 2022

The Department of General Services estimates that it will need to install and keep stocked about 1,327 dispensers in District-government-owned buildings. The estimate includes buildings operated by the Department of Human Services and is assumed to encompass the human care agreement mandate. The estimate excludes school buildings, which were previously mandated to provide period products under separate legislation<sup>1</sup>.

Period Equity Righting an Injustice of District Residents (PERIOD) Act of 2022 Total Cost (\$ thousands)					
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Total
Dispenser Purchase and Installation <sup>(a)</sup>	\$863	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$863
Product Refills <sup>(b)</sup>	\$1,484	\$1,517	\$1,550	\$1,584	\$6,135
Ongoing replacements <sup>(c)</sup>	\$0	\$44	\$45	\$46	\$135
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,347</b>	<b>\$1,561</b>	<b>\$1,595</b>	<b>\$1,630</b>	<b>\$7,133</b>

Table Notes:

- (a) Assumes one-time purchase of 1,327 dispensers at a cost of \$525 for each dispenser and \$125 installation cost for each.
- (b) Assumes \$253 per refill; 6 refills per year in women's restrooms; 3 in gender neutral restrooms and 1 in men's restrooms.
- (c) Assumes 5 percent of dispensers will need to be repaired or replaced beginning in fiscal year 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> Expanding Student Access to Period Products Act of 2021, effective March 15, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-92; 69 DCR 002362).