

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1935  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
220th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 1, 2023

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Establishes “Menstrual Hygiene Products Program,” appropriates \$200,000.
- Type of Impact:** An annual State expenditure increase from the General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of Human Services.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	Year 1	Year 2 and Thereafter
State Expenditure Increase	Up to \$200,000	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) determines that this bill will increase State expenditures by up to \$200,000 in the first year the bill is effective and by an indeterminate amount thereafter for the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, to develop and implement the Menstrual Hygiene Products Program. The department is to provide annual grants of up to \$10,000 to food pantries participating in the program and undertake additional tasks to support the operations of the program. The bill appropriates \$200,000 to support the program.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the Menstrual Hygiene Products Program to promote and facilitate improved access to menstrual hygiene products to low-income residents of the State. The bill requires the Department of Agriculture, in consultation with the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, to develop and implement the program. The department is required to award annual grants of up to \$10,000 to food pantries for the purchase of menstrual hygiene products. The department is authorized to take steps to coordinate and encourage partnerships between food pantries, pharmacies, and other retail stores that participate in the program, in order to facilitate the delivery of the menstrual hygiene products; take appropriate actions to encourage participation in the program; develop educational and informational materials

for distribution to low-income individuals; and undertake other tasks relevant to the work of the program. The department is required to identify on its website the food pantries participating in the program and the times during which each food pantry will be accessible for community residents to obtain menstrual hygiene products.

This bill appropriates \$200,000 to the Department of Agriculture to support the program. Under the bill, each food pantry may apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 each year.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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The OLS notes that there may be administrative costs to develop and implement the program, including costs associated with identifying and coordinating partnerships with retail stores, updating the department's website to include the food pantries that participate in the program, and adopting rules and regulations for the program. The OLS determines that these administrative costs can be subsumed within current staff duties.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).