

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1285

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; directing the State Department of Education to establish and administer a grant program to provide menstrual products to students in certain grades; defining term; directing the Department to annually allocate certain funds beginning with certain school year; providing purpose of funds; providing for calculation of grant award amounts; requiring notification of the amount of grant funds available; providing for grant application; directing recipients of grant awards to make products available in certain locations; making grants contingent on availability of funding; providing for unexpended funds to be used for certain purpose; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-126 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Education shall establish and administer a grant program to award grant funds to school districts and charter schools created pursuant to Section 3-132 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to provide menstrual products to students at

1 no cost to the students. For the purposes of this section,  
2 "menstrual products" means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in  
3 connection with a menstrual cycle that conform with applicable  
4 industry standards.

5 B. 1. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, the State  
6 Department of Education shall annually allocate from funds made  
7 specifically available by the Legislature grant awards for school  
8 districts and charter schools to reimburse each school district or  
9 charter school for the cost of menstrual products and dispensers  
10 purchased by the school district or charter school. Grant award  
11 amounts shall be calculated on a pro rata basis based on the total  
12 number of female students enrolled in grades five through twelve in  
13 the school district or charter school.

14 2. The State Department of Education shall annually notify  
15 school district and charter school superintendents of the amount of  
16 grant funds available for each school district or charter school.  
17 School districts and charter schools seeking grant funds shall  
18 submit to the Department a grant application on a form prescribed by  
19 the Department.

20 3. A school district or charter school that accepts a grant  
21 award as provided for in this section shall make menstrual products  
22 available in easily accessible locations, at no cost to students, in  
23 a manner that does not stigmatize any student seeking such products.  
24 Menstrual products shall be made available in school district and

1 charter school facilities that serve grades five through twelve in  
2 all female, gender-neutral, and single-occupancy handicap accessible  
3 restrooms accessible to students. Menstrual products shall also be  
4 made available in a neutral location which may include, but not be  
5 limited to, a school nurse's office or an administrative office.

6 C. Grants provided pursuant to this section shall be contingent  
7 on availability of funding. Funds not expended in any fiscal year  
8 shall remain with the Department for use in implementing the  
9 provisions of this section.

10 D. The State Board of Education may promulgate rules to  
11 implement the provisions of this section.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
14 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby  
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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