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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House State and Local Government

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Humphrey

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: Yes

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Highlights

- The bill will have no direct fiscal effect on the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, as it codifies the Department's current policy.
- It appears that many of Ohio's local jails already provide feminine hygiene products at no charge. Thus, for any local jails already doing so, the bill will have no direct fiscal effect, as it codifies current policy.
- For a local jail that does not currently provide feminine hygiene products at no charge, the annual costs generated by the bill will be a function of various factors, including the number of inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle, lengths of stay, and the operating authority's purchasing/procurement process.

Detailed Analysis

The bill requires municipal and county correctional facilities and Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) correctional institutions housing female inmates to provide inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products at no cost to the inmates as well as access to showers with hot water at least once a day regardless of the inmate's separation from the general population (with the exception that when the facility is experiencing an emergency, as defined by the bill). The bill defines "feminine hygiene products" as meaning tampons and sanitary napkins that are used for the menstrual cycle and defines "female" as meaning of or denoting the sex that can bear offspring or produce eggs and has XX chromosomes, distinguished biologically by the production of gametes or ova that can be fertilized by male gametes.

Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

According to DRC staff, the Department spent approximately \$254,000 in GRF funds to purchase feminine hygiene products in FY 2022. Effective November 15, 2022, DRC's policy has been to provide female inmates, at no charge, with as many feminine hygiene products as they require. Thus, the bill will have no direct fiscal effect on DRC, as it codifies current policy and practice.

As of February 2024, the population of DRC's three correctional institutions housing female inmates – the Ohio Reformatory for Women, the Dayton Correctional Institution, and the Northeast Reintegration Center – collectively totaled 3,430.

Local jails

The information collected by LBO to date suggests that many of Ohio's local jails already provide feminine hygiene products to inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle at no charge. For those local jails that do, the bill will have no direct fiscal effect, as it codifies current policy.

For a local jail that does not currently provide feminine hygiene products to female inmates at no charge, the annual costs generated by the bill will be a function of various factors, including the number of inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle, lengths of stay, and the operating authority's purchasing/procurement process.

The table below provides a selective summary of local jail statistics by type of classification (full-service, minimum security, 12-day, and 12-hour). As the table shows, of the 144 local jails self-reporting information to DRC as of June 30, 2022, the full-service jails (most of which are operated by counties) housed 2,814, or 97.5%, of the total number of females incarcerated statewide.

Jail Classification	# of Jails	Operating Authority	Total Female Population**
Full-Service	86	County (77) City (5) Regional (4)	2,814
Minimum Security	4	County (4)	44
12-Day	45	City (39) Village (5) County (1)	25
12-Hour	9	City (8) Township (1)	1
Statewide Total	144		2,884

*Data is self-reported by local jails to DRC as of June 30, 2022.

**This is the total female population for all jails in that classification.

The table below lists the five local jails with the largest total female population.

Table 2. Five Ohio Jails with Largest Female Population as of June 2022			
Jail Name	Jail Classification	Operating Authority	Total Female Population*
Franklin County Corrections Center II	Full-Service	County	216
Cuyahoga County Corrections Center	Full-Service	County	199
Montgomery County Jail	Full-Service	County	139
Hamilton County Justice Center	Full-Service	County	130
Butler County Correctional Complex	Full-Service	County	117

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