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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Humphrey and John

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.
- For those local jails that already provide feminine hygiene products at no charge, 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 \$173,500 in GRF funds to purchase feminine hygiene products in FY 2024. 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 March 2025, 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 3,669.

Local jails

The information collected by LBO 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.