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Honorable Sandra Scott  
State Representative  
611-D Coverdell Legislative Office Building  
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note  
House Bill (LC 33 8867)

Dear Representative Scott:

This bill would require the University System of Georgia (USG) and the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) to make menstrual hygiene products available at no cost to students in certain facilities or portions of facilities of institutions.

As shown in **Table 1**, the bill has an estimated cost of approximately \$825,000 in year one and \$765,000 in subsequent years. The estimated cost per female student is based on data from Georgia Southern University, which recently implemented a similar grant-funded project. The annual costs may be lower due to TCSG students likely spending less time on campus than those in the pilot school, resulting in a lower cost per TCSG student. First-year costs include \$58,725 to purchase and install menstrual product dispensers in the estimated number of female bathrooms.

Table 1. Cost to Install Dispensers and Provide Products

	TCSG	USG	Total
Number of Full-Time Female Students	86,593	193,677	280,270
Annual Cost per Full-Time Student	\$2.73	\$2.73	\$2.73
Number of Female Bathrooms <sup>1</sup>	1,115	2,800	3,915
Cost per Bathroom (Container Install)	\$15	\$15	\$15
First Year Costs (Products + Container Install)	\$253,124	\$570,738	<b>\$823,862</b>
Each Additional Year	\$236,399	\$528,738	<b>\$765,137</b>

1. Estimate based on square footage and building type. It does not include stadiums, dorms, or other auxiliary facilities.

Respectfully,

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