



January 27, 2025

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

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note
House Bill (LC 60 0009)

Dear Representative Scott:

The 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 \$2.9 million in year one and \$1.6 million in subsequent years. The annual costs may be lower due to TCSG students likely spending less time on campus than those in the pilot school, resulting in lower costs per TCSG student. First year costs include \$1.3 million to purchase and install menstrual product dispensers in the estimated number of bathrooms.

Table 1. Estimated Cost to Install Dispensers and Provide Products

	USG	TCSG	Total
Number of Full-Time Female Students	215,047	94,000 ¹	309,047
Annual Cost per Full-Time Student	\$5.25	\$5.25	\$5.25
Number of Bathrooms ²	11,000	2,250	13,250
Cost per Bathroom (Container Install)	\$100	\$100	\$100
First Year Costs (Products + Container Install)	\$2,228,997	\$718,500	\$2,950,647
Each Additional Year	\$1,128,997	\$493,500	\$1,625,647

¹ Figure includes all female students (full-time and part-time) enrolled during academic year 2024.

² Figures estimate all bathrooms in eligible facilities; the bill does not limit products to certain types of bathrooms.

The current estimates are higher than those reported for a similar bill in 2022 (LC33 8867). Factors contributing to increased costs are described below.

- **Number of Female Students** - Since 2022, the number of full-time female students at USG and TCSG institutions has increased by 11% and 9%, respectively. In addition, USG's 2024 student count includes an additional 10,240 individuals (a 5% increase) to account for female faculty members, staff, and visitors who may also use the products. The number of

full-time female students on TCSG campuses is likely lower than the figure shown in the table.

- **Product Cost** - The estimated annual cost of menstrual products per female student increased from \$2.73 in 2022 to \$5.25 in 2024. Recent costs are based on data from the Georgia Institute of Technology pilot program in Spring 2022 (\$4.95) plus an additional 6% increase to account for price increases over time.
- **Number of Bathrooms** - For both USG and TCSG, the number of bathrooms used to generate the estimate has increased. According to USG, it estimated the total number of bathrooms by considering the square footage of buildings and descriptors that indicated the presence of bathrooms. This methodology is different from that used to estimate the number of bathrooms in 2022, resulting in a significantly higher bathroom count.
- **Dispensers and Installation** – For both USG and TCSG, costs of dispensers were based on those reported for the pilot program. The estimated cost does not include labor; it is assumed that dispensers would be installed by USG and TCSG in-house personnel.

Respectfully,



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