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The Honorable Kristey Williams, Chairperson House Committee on K-12 Education Budget 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 546-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Williams:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2727 by House Committee on K-12 Education Budget

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2727 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2727 would require public schools, charter schools, and postsecondary educational institutions to make menstrual products available at no cost to students. The bill specifies locations where public schools and postsecondary educational institutions would be required to make menstrual products available to students. Each postsecondary educational institution would post a notice regarding the requirements of the bill's provisions in a prominent and conspicuous location in all women's restrooms, stand-alone handicapped restrooms, gender-neutral restrooms, and in at least one men's restroom.

Sufficient funding would be appropriated by the Legislature to the Department of Education and to the Board of Regents for providing menstrual products at no cost to students in each school of a school district, charter school, and postsecondary educational institution. Subject to appropriations, the State Department of Education and the Board of Regents would reimburse each school district and postsecondary educational institution for actual costs incurred in implementing the bill's provisions. Actual costs incurred may include the following: menstrual products, menstrual product dispensers, and menstrual product dispenser installation costs.

The bill would require both the State Board of Education and the Board of Regents to adopt any rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the bill's provisions. Such rules and regulations would provide for an application process for school districts and postsecondary educational institutions to be reimbursed for costs incurred. On or before June 1 of each year, each school district and postsecondary educational institution would produce a report containing the number of menstrual products purchased that year, the number of menstrual products actually distributed to students that year, and any grievances or other complaints about lack of access to or quality of menstrual products. Reports would be made available for public inspection.

The Board of Regents states enactment of the bill would require an appropriation of funding to cover the costs of the menstrual products. The Board is unable to estimate the amount of funding that would be needed because the Board does not have a way to determine the number of students who would use the products or the number of products that would be needed. The Board indicates the additional staff time that would be needed to create the rules and regulations specified in the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Department of Education states it is unable to estimate the number of products or product dispensers a given school district would need. The required additional administrative requirements for this bill by itself would be performed by existing staff of the Department. However, if the combined effect of implementing this bill and other enacted legislation exceeds the Department's administrative resources, additional expenditures for administrative costs beyond the Department's current budget may be required. Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2727 is not reflected in *The FY 2025 Governor's Budget Report*.

Sincerely,

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cc: Gabrielle Hull, Department of Education Becky Pottebaum, Board of Regents