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HOUSE BILL No. 2067

By Representatives Poskin, Carlin, Featherston, Hoye, McDonald, Meyer, Neighbor, S. Ruiz, Sawyer Clayton, Simmons, Wikle and Woodard

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AN ACT concerning education; establishing a grant program and the feminine hygiene product grant fund to award moneys to qualifying title I schools to provide feminine hygiene products to students at no cost; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for the department of education.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

Feminine hygiene product grant program.....$200,000

Provided, That expenditures shall be made by the above agency from the feminine hygiene product grant program account to provide grant awards each year to school districts that have a qualifying school and are participating in the program pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto: *Provided further,* That the above agency shall distribute such grant awards to participating school districts for distribution to qualifying schools at the time or times determined by the state department of education.

Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Feminine hygiene products" means tampons, sanitary napkins, panty liners and other similar tangible personal property designed for feminine hygiene in connection with the human menstrual cycle.

(2) "Qualifying school" means a public school that receives funds under title I of public law 874 and provides instruction in any of the grades five through 12.

(b) (1) There is hereby established a grant program to award funds to local boards of education of school districts to provide feminine hygiene products to students enrolled in and attending a qualifying school at no cost to such students. The program shall be implemented and administered by the state department of education.

(2) Each local board of education of a school district that has a qualifying school and intends to participate in the grant program shall notify the state department of education of the school district's intention to

participate in the program.

(c) (1) Beginning in school year 2025-2026, the state department of education shall certify on or before September 1 of each year the total moneys available to be awarded under the program each school year and shall allocate grant awards to the local board of education of a school district for each qualifying school in such school district on a pro rata basis based on the total number of female students enrolled in grades five through 12 in each qualifying school of a school district.

(2) The state department of education shall accept grant applications from school districts with qualifying schools. Upon submission of a valid application, the state department of education shall reimburse each eligible local board of education the actual cost of feminine hygiene products and dispensers purchased by such local board of education for distribution at each qualifying school. Such reimbursement shall not exceed the annual grant allocation for such school.

(3) The state department of education shall annually notify each such school districts of the amount of grant funds allocated to such school district for each qualifying school in such school district.

(d) Any local board of education that accepts grant moneys under this section shall:

(1) Make feminine hygiene products readily available at no cost to female students in each women's restroom that is routinely utilized by students in grades five through 12 and is located in a qualifying school; and

(2) provide feminine hygiene products at no cost to female students in grades five through 12 through a female school counselor, female school nurse or female teacher selected by the principal of the qualifying school.

(e) Grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be subject to the availability of funds. The legislature may appropriate funds to the state department of education, and the state department of education may accept moneys from nongovernmental entities for the purposes of this program.

(f) (1) There is hereby established in the state treasury the feminine hygiene product grant fund. Such fund shall be administered by the state department of education subject to the provisions of this section. All moneys credited to such fund shall be used to provide grants for qualifying schools to provide feminine hygiene products to students at no cost as provided by this section. All expenditures from the feminine hygiene product grant fund shall be made in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee. Moneys not expended in any fiscal year shall remain in the feminine hygiene product grant fund.

(2) On July 1, 2026, and each July 1 thereafter, or as soon after each

such date as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer $200,000 from the state general fund to the feminine hygiene product grant fund.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.