

§ 115C-377. Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program.

(a) Program; Purpose. – The Department of Public Instruction shall establish the Feminine Hygiene Products Grant Program (Program) to assist public school units participating in the Program in providing students with feminine hygiene products at no charge to the student.

(b) Grants. – To the extent funds are made available for the Program, the Department of Public Instruction shall award public school units grants of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) on a first-come, first-served basis, and the Department shall prioritize awarding grants to public school units that did not receive an award pursuant to the Program in the previous fiscal year. No public school unit shall receive more than one grant per fiscal year.

(c) Reporting. – No later than March 15, 2023, and every year thereafter that funds are made available for the Program, the Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee on the public school units receiving grants under the Program, the specific feminine hygiene products purchased with the grant funds, and the impact of the Program on student health and well-being. (2022-74, s. 7.10(a).)