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POSITION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

DATE: March 4, 2026
BILL NUMBER: House Bill 941 **POSITION:** Letter of Information
BILL TITLE: Public Health – Public Buildings – Hygiene Products

REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

This legislation seeks to establish a uniform, statewide requirement for restroom hygiene standards in public buildings. It requires all public restrooms in public buildings to provide, at a minimum, the following hygiene supplies: hand soap, toilet paper, towels or other drying devices, running water, waste receptacles, and menstrual hygiene products.

Under current law, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is required to provide feminine hygiene products to meet the needs of female residents in shelters and provide a sufficient supply of hygiene products to county boards of education to meet the needs of female students who are determined to be homeless. Each county board shall ensure that each public school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the women’s restrooms at the school. Correctional facilities are required to provide hygiene products to female incarcerated individuals upon admission to the facility, on a routine basis and upon request.

House Bill 941 presents both fiscal and operational impacts on the Maryland State Police (MSP) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). To comply with the legislation, MSP will incur additional supply and maintenance costs to provide menstrual hygiene products in 40 public access spaces across its facilities. Facilities management personnel must implement ongoing monitoring and restocking procedures, thereby increasing operational responsibilities and associated costs for both MSP and OSFM. Procurement processes require modification to make menstrual hygiene products a standard supply item.

Estimated Fiscal Impact (Public Access Spaces Only – 40 Locations):

- Dispensers: $\$600 \times 40 = \$24,000$ (initial cost)
- Trash receptacles (two per location): $\$50 \times 80 = \$4,000$
- Trash liners: $\$20$ per box $\times 160$ boxes = $\$3,200$
- Sanitary pads: $\$350$ per box $\times 40$ boxes = $\$14,000$
- Tampons: $\$200$ per box $\times 40$ boxes = $\$8,000$

Total Estimated First-Year Cost: \$53,200

This estimate reflects necessary initial implementation costs; it does not include recurring annual supply and maintenance expenses, which are also expected.

MSP respectfully urges the Committee to consider the operational and fiscal implications outlined above during its deliberations on House Bill 941.