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House Bill 1123

HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Representative Wittman**

1 **An Act to establish a pilot program to provide benefits for menstrual hygiene**
 2 **products and diapers for individuals who receive temporary assistance for**
 3 **needy families, and to make an appropriation therefor.**

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 **Section 1.** The Department of Social Services shall establish a menstrual hygiene and diaper
 6 benefit pilot program to defray the cost of menstrual hygiene products and diapers for
 7 participants in the temporary assistance for needy families program authorized by chapter
 8 28-7A.

9 The department shall distribute, on a monthly basis:

- 10 (1) For the menstrual hygiene product benefit, fourteen dollars for each participant
 11 ages eighteen to fifty, inclusive, who experiences menstruation; and
 12 (2) For the diaper benefit, thirty dollars for each dependent, under age three, for whom
 13 a participant is responsible.

14 For the purposes of this section and section 2 of this Act, "menstrual hygiene
 15 product" means menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and tampons, used to collect or absorb
 16 menstrual fluids.

17 **Section 2.** The Department of Social Services shall:

- 18 (1) Provide the benefits set forth in section 1 of this Act through the participant's
 19 existing electronic benefits card and on the same issuance date of the participant's
 20 regular benefit from the temporary assistance for needy families program;
 21 (2) Provide informational materials to participants regarding the purpose of the benefit
 22 and the approved uses of the benefit; and
 23 (3) Establish procedures to:
 24 (a) Ensure the benefit is used to purchase menstrual hygiene products or
 25 diapers, as applicable; and

