MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Illinois

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
A	#4

Period poverty is the inability to afford or access menstrual health products, education, or sanitation facilities. In the U.S., 2 in 5 people have struggled to afford period products.[1] When unaddressed, period poverty can lead to missed school and work, increased risk of infections, and shame or isolation due to social stigma.

This report card details the current state of menstrual health policies in your state.

SUBJECT	GRADE	CURRENT POLICY
Menstrual Product Taxation	**A**	Illinois removed the tax on menstrual products in 2016.[2]
Menstrual Products in Schools	**B**	Illinois requires but does not fund the provision of menstrual products in schools serving grades 4-12.[3]
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**A**	Illinois mandates the provision of period products in incarceration facilities, available as needed, at no cost.[4]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**B**	Illinois requires menstrual products in some public buildings such as homeless shelters, community colleges, and public universities, but not all state-owned buildings.[5]
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donation Laws	**A**	Illinois has a Good Samaritan law to protect menstrual product donations made in good faith from civil and criminal liability.[6]

Recommendations

1. Enact a grant program to fund the provision of menstrual products in schools.
2. Require state-owned public buildings to offer menstrual products at no cost in restrooms.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
2 Illinois SB2746, 2016
3 Illinois SB2874, 2024
4 Illinois HB4218, 2022
5 Illinois HB0310 & HB641, 2021
6 Illinois HB4264, 2024

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