MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Indiana

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
F	#46

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	**F**	Indiana taxes menstrual products at 7%, the highest rate in the country.
Menstrual Products in Schools	**F**	Indiana neither requires nor funds the provision of menstrual products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**D**	Indiana does not require the provision of menstrual products in incarceration facilities by state law, but state policy requires that personal hygiene kits in incarceration facilities must include pads and tampons. These kits are handed out upon arrival and as needed for indigent inmates.[2]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**F**	Indiana does not have a law requiring public buildings to provide menstrual products.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donation Laws	**F**	Indiana does not have a Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donation law.

Recommendations

1. Implement a Good Samaritan law to protect menstrual product donations made in good faith from civil & criminal liability.
2. Codify the Department of Corrections policy for the provision of menstrual products in prisons into law.
3. Exempt menstrual products from the state sales tax.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
2 Indiana Department of Correction Policy and Administrative Procedure 02.01.104, 2019

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