MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Louisiana

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
C	#27

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**	Louisiana removed the tax on menstrual products in 2021.[2]
Menstrual Products in Schools	**F**	Louisiana neither requires nor funds the provision of menstrual products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**A**	Louisiana requires menstrual products to be available to inmates in housing units and medical facilities in an appropriate quantity, and at no cost.[3]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**F**	Louisiana does not have a law requiring public buildings to provide menstrual products.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donation Laws	**F**	Louisiana 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. Require the provision of menstrual products in public schools.
3. Enact a grant program to fund the provision of menstrual products in low-income schools.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies , 2021
2 Louisiana HB7, 2021
3 Louisiana SB 558/Act 392, 2018

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