MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Massachusetts

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
D	#37

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**	Massachusetts exempted menstrual products from sales tax in 2013 by classifying them as medical devices.[2]
Menstrual Products in Schools	**F**	Massachusetts does not require or fund the provision of menstrual products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**F**	Massachusetts does not require the provision of menstrual products in incarceration facilities by state law.
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**F**	Massachusetts does not have a law requiring public buildings to provide menstrual products.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donations	**F**	Massachusetts 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 period products in public schools.
3. Enact legislation that mandates the provision of menstrual products in Massachusetts state correctional facilities.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
2 Massachusetts Sales and Use Tax

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