MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Mississippi

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	**F**	Mississippi taxes menstrual products at 7%, the highest rate in the country.
Menstrual Products in Schools	**F**	Mississippi neither requires nor funds the distribution of period products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**A**	Mississippi requires the provision of menstrual products to all incarcerated women at no cost. [2]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**F**	Mississippi does not have a law requiring public buildings to provide menstrual products.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donation Laws	**F**	Mississippi 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. Exempt menstrual products from the state sales tax.
3. Require the provision of menstrual products in public schools.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
2 MS Code § 47-5-1515, 2024

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