

**Committee on Public Health  
Bill Summary**

**Bill No.** H2483

**Title:** *An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products*

**Sponsor:** Representatives Jay D. Livingstone and Christine P. Barber

**Committee:** Public Health

**Hearing Date:** June 11, 2025

**Similar Matters:** S1549

**Prior History:** Refile of H534 of 23-24; referred to Education; discharged to Public Health; accompanied S1381; reported favorably and referred to Senate Ways and Means; recommended ought to pass with an amendment, substituting a new draft, S2481; placed in the Orders of the Day; redrafted as S2491 (similar to H2483 of 25-26); passed to be engrossed; referred to House Ways and Means; no further action taken.

**Reporting Deadline:** August 10, 2025

**Current Law:**

- **M.G.L. Chapter 23B** pertains to the department of housing and community development.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 71** pertains to the operation of public schools.
- **M.G.L. Chapter 127** pertains to officers and inmates of penal and reformatory institutions and conditions of parole and pardons.

**Summary:**

The bill requires disposable menstrual products to be provided at no cost and in a convenient, non-stigmatizing manner to individuals who menstruate in state and local holding facilities, temporary housing assistance, and K-12 schools.

SECTION 1 amends M.G.L. Chapter 23B by inserting a new section, section 31:

(a) Defines “disposable menstrual products” and “menstruating individual.”

(b) Requires any provider of temporary housing assistance, including family shelters and safe houses for refugees, to provide disposable menstrual products at no cost to menstruating individuals, in a convenient manner that does not stigmatize the individual seeking such products.

SECTION 2 amends M.G.L. Chapter 71 by inserting a new section, section 3A:

(a) Defines “disposable menstrual products” and “menstruating individual.”

(b) Requires disposable menstrual products to be provided at no cost to students in K-12 schools, in a convenient manner that does not stigmatize the individual seeking such products.

SECTION 3 amends M.G.L. Chapter 127 by inserting a new section, section 170:

(a) Defines “administrator,” “disposable menstrual products,” and “menstruating individual.”

(b) Requires disposable menstrual products to be provided at no cost to individuals held or housed in state and local correctional facilities overseen by an administrator at no cost, in a convenient manner that does not stigmatize the individual seeking such products.