



## CAPE COD AND ISLANDS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2023-2024

#### **An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products (IAM Bill) ([S. 1381/H. 534](#))**

**Lead Sponsors:** Rep Jay D. Livingstone, Rep Christine P. Barber & Sen Jehlen

**Coalition:** [Massachusetts Menstrual Equity](#)

**Status:** Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health

This bill would provide access to free menstrual products to all menstruating individuals in schools, shelters & prisons.

#### **An Act relative to healthy youth. ([S. 268/H. 544](#))**

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen Sal N. DiDomenico and Reps James J. O'Day and Vanna Howards

**Coalition:** Coalition for Healthy Youth

**Status:** Referred to Joint Committee on Education

This bill will ensure that Massachusetts schools that offer sex ed courses teach a scientifically accurate curriculum that features age-appropriate information about gender identity and sexual orientation.

#### **An Act relative to Medicaid coverage for doula services ([S. 782/H. 1240](#))**

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen Liz Miranda and Rep Lindsey N. Sabadosa

**Status:** Referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

The bill will ensure that doula services are covered by Medicare and MassHealth. It will create a registry of doulas in order to regulate reimbursements and standardize competencies. The bill will also create a commission made up of doulas and members of communities with worse maternal health outcomes including members of the LGBTQ+ community, those dependent on MassHealth, and those who have experienced maternal or sexual trauma.

#### **An Act providing affordable and accessible high-quality early education and care to promote child development and well-being and the economy in the Commonwealth ([S. 301/H. 489](#))**

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen Jason M. Lewis and Reps Kenneth I. Gordon and Adrian C. Madaro

**Coalition:** Common Start

**Status:** Referred to Joint Committee on Education

This bill would establish a universal system of affordable, high-quality education and childcare for all Massachusetts families. The system would cover early education and care for children age birth through 5, after and out of school time for children age 5-12, and children with special needs through age 15.

#### **An Act relative to preserving preventative services without cost sharing ([S. 647/H. 1081](#))**

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen Cindy F. Friedman and Rep John J. Lawn Jr.

**Status:** Referred to Joint Committee on Financial Services

The bill would require insurance plans to cover critical preventive services like immunizations (including preventative HIV medicines), cancer screenings, and well-woman visits, including birth control, with no copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles.