



## MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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### HAMPDEN COUNTY 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 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 establishing a Jail and Prison Construction Moratorium ([S. 1979/H. 1795](#))**

**Lead Sponsor:** Sen Joanne Comerford and Rep Chynah Taylor

**Status:** Referred to Joint Committee on the Judiciary

This bill would stop the creation of new prisons and jails in the Commonwealth, as well as prohibiting current correctional facilities to expand.

**An Act fostering voter opportunities, trust, equity and security ([S. 459/H. 4359](#))**

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen Cynthia Stone Creem **Status:** Unknown at this time

This bill would allow voters to vote by mail without an excuse; expand early voting options; make sure that eligible voters who are incarcerated are able to request a mail ballot and vote; ensure that the Commonwealth joins the 30-state Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) to keep voter registration rolls up-to-date; and more. The bill also reduces the voter registration deadline prior to an election from twenty days to ten.

**An Act establishing cities and towns to stabilize rents and protect tenants ([S. 1299/H. 2103](#))**

**Lead Sponsors:** Sen Patricia Jehlen and Reps Dave Rogers and Samantha Montaño

**Status:** Referred to Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

This bill would repeal the ban on rent control and enable municipalities to enact local rent control ordinances to stabilize housing costs and prevent no-cause evictions.