



Upper Middlesex Commission on the Status of Women Legislative Priorities for 2023-2024

The I Am Bill (H.534) An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products.

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

Common Start (H.489, S.301) An Act providing affordable and accessible high-quality early education and care to promote child development and well-being and support the economy in the Commonwealth.

The Common Start legislative framework uses a combination of direct-to-provider operational funding and family financial assistance to reduce costs to families while compensating providers for the true cost of providing quality care.

Elder Care (S.764) An Act to establish the family caregiver tax credit

**A petition of Senators Jason M. Lewis, Mark C. Montigny, Jack Patrick Lewis, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the family caregiver tax credit.*

The Act will provide family caregivers with an income tax credit to cover expenses incurred by a taxpayer for the care and support of a qualifying family member. The amount of the credit is equal to 100% of eligible expenses, with a maximum allowable credit of \$1,500.