



WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2025-2026

An Act to increase access to disposable menstrual products (IAM Bill) (S.1549/H.2483)

Lead Sponsors: Senator Pat Jehlen, Representatives Jay Livingstone and Christine P. Barber

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.340/H.656)

Lead Sponsors: Senator Sal DiDomenico, Representatives James O'Day and Vanna Howard

Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Education

The Healthy Youth Act will ensure that Massachusetts schools that offer sex ed courses teach a scientifically accurate curriculum that features age-appropriate information.

Parents shall be notified of these programs ahead of time and may withdraw a student from the program.

An Act Promoting and Enhancing the Sustainability of Birth Centers and the Midwifery Workforce (S.784/H.1117)

Lead Sponsors: Senator Joan Lovely, Representatives Manny Cruz and Lindsay Sabodosa

Coalition: Bay State Coalition

Status: Referred to the Joint Committee on Financial Services

This bill promotes and enhances the sustainability of birth centers and the midwifery workforce.

The **Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women is also following domestic violence, mental health, food insecurity, pregnancy loss, fertility, and maternal health priorities and settling on what legislative bills best reflect those.*