



*Berkshire County Commission on the Status of Women
Legislative Priorities 2026-2027*

An Act Relative to Language Access and Inclusion (H. 3084/ S. 1990)

Lead Sponsors: Reps Madaro and González – Senator DiDomenico

Status: Referred to Joint Committee on State Administration and Oversight

Coalition: [Mass Speaks Coalition](#)

This bill seeks to require state agencies to provide timely, culturally competent oral language services to all limited English proficiency individuals who seek to access services, programs, or activities relative to language access and inclusion.

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

Coalition: [CommonStart](#)

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 to increase access to disposable menstrual products in prisons, homeless shelters, and public schools (I Am bill) (S. 2640/H. 1959)

Lead Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Status: Joint Committee on Health Care Financing

Providers of family shelters pursuant to section 30 and similar shelter programs for homeless individuals that receive funding through appropriations by the general court shall make disposable menstrual products available at no cost to menstruating individuals in such shelters. The disposable menstrual products shall be made available in readily accessible locations and in a manner that minimizes any stigmatization of an individual seeking such products.

An Act Providing a Defense Under the Wiretap Law (S. 1215) – Allows individuals to make recordings as documentation of threats, harassment, or other crimes without facing prosecution under the state wiretap law.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means

For any person to commit and interception, attempt to commit an interception or procure another to commit or attempt an interception, or to aid and abet or jointly commit or attempt to commit or procure an interception of any communication made by another to the person making the interception in circumstances under which the interception is made in order to make a record of threats, harassment, or other crimes in relation to divorce or child custody matters or in relation to orders issued under Chapter 209A or 258E.

**Also following mental health priorities and settling on what bills best reflect these.*